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FRANCE VIEWS CONCILIATION PROSPECTS WITHOUT OPTIMISM



M. Royer, a French chemist, is testing out on mice in Paris laboratory, a gas-oxygen-carbon dioxide which he believes will neutralise any war gases which may be used in air raids on cities. Defence forces would drench cities with it when an attack was threatened.

U.S. SUPREME COURT

Two Further Important Decisions

BANKHEAD COTTON CONTROL BILL UPHOLD

Washington, To-day.

Two further decisions affecting President Roosevelt's New Deal were given by the United States Supreme Court yesterday, one favourable to and the second against the Government.

The Court upheld the Bankhead Cotton Control Bill by dismissing a case brought by Lee Moor, a Texas planter, challenging the constitutionality of the Act, but ruled against the Government in what is known as the Louisiana rice mills case. The Bankhead Bill, though connected with the New Deal, was the work of a group of Senators from the cotton States and not of the Government itself.

In the Louisiana case the court ruled that the \$200,000,000 worth of processing taxes imposed by the court must be returned to the processors.

POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION

Later, The Supreme Court's decision on the Bankhead Act should be construed as momentarily favourable to the administration, as the court declined at the moment to express an opinion on its validity. The judges' action is based on the opinion that the case should not have been brought before the Supreme Court, but should have been decided by a law court, and therefore the dismissal of the case cannot be interpreted as a ruling on the constitutionality of the Act.

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BABY BONDS FOR VETERANS

New Scheme Proposed in America

Washington, To-day. Senator Harrison, with other supporters, has introduced a compromise bill for the payment of the soldiers' bonuses by means of \$50 "baby bonds," convertible into cash at a post office, for the purpose of encouraging the veterans to retain their bonds until maturity in 1945 instead of cashing them immediately. Reuter.

LONDON NAVAL PARLEY

QUESTION OF JAPANESE CONTINUATION

MATTER STILL UNDECIDED

London, To-day.

The fate of the continued participation of the Japanese in the Naval Conference is still open, the question depending upon whether the chairman can pilot the committee at to-day's meeting past the rocks of the Japanese demand for parity, as a vote on that question will inevitably terminate the Japanese participation forthwith.

The Japanese leave no doubt that the parity issue must be faced sooner or later, and the preparations for it have been indicated in Japanese naval circles in London and Tokyo.

In London it is stated that in the event of withdrawal the Japanese will propose a five-Power declaration disavowing the intention to conduct a shipbuilding race and affirming that the friendly relations are not disturbed. From Tokyo comes the significant news that if the adjournment of the conference leads to an armaments race Japan will "endeavour to readjust her international relations."

London: There was a surprise development last night when after a conference lasting two hours between the Japanese delegation it was announced that to-day's meeting of the Naval Conference had again been postponed, while the Japanese seek further instructions from Tokyo.

KIPLING'S CONDITION GRAVE

Condition Reported Unchanged At Midnight

London, to-day.—The condition of Mr. Rudyard Kipling, who was operated on yesterday morning for gastric trouble following his urgent removal to the Middlesex Hospital, was very grave at 5.30 p.m. yesterday. Reuter's Bulletin Service.

Later: A bulletin issued at 11.30 last night stated that Mr. Kipling's condition was still very grave, and at midnight it was stated that his condition was unchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. Kipling were staying at the Piccadilly Hotel on the eve of leaving for the south of France when he was taken ill. Reuter.

ACADEMY BANQUET

London: The President and Council of the Royal Academy, together with the executive committee of the International Exhibition of Chinese Art, gave a reception last night in honour of the delegates to the Naval Conference. Some 300 guests were present and included representatives of all the countries attending the conference, Mr. Anthony Eden, Lord Monsell and the respective heads of the fighting services, who were received by the Chinese Ambassador and the President of the Royal Academy. Reuter.

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WOMEN WORKERS IN RUSSIA

More Engaged Than Men

Moscow, To-day.

More women are doing men's work in Russia to-day than hitherto. During 1935 40 per cent of the workers were women, who were given wages equal to those for men. Government institutions, such as community restaurants, nurseries and crèches, relieve women from their domestic duties and thus enable them to participate in most manual labour. Reuter's Bulletin Service.



When the United States Navy's \$10,000,000 cruiser, Quincy, shown here being launched, made her test run off Quincy, Massachusetts, her expensive reduction gear construction was mysteriously wrecked by a steel bolt which Navy officials believe indicates a sabotage plot. Rear-Admiral W. B. Gherardi (right), as commander of the First Naval District, will head the board of investigators.

STUDENT RIOTING IN CANTON

SIX AGITATORS ARRESTED

Canton, To-day.

Six student agitators are under arrest for creating disturbances and one was killed by certain unknown assailants yesterday. Another report states that three students were killed, but the police decline to reveal the number of dead and wounded.

It was said that the assailants, who were alleged to be Chinese, first used ju-jitsu against the students, but, finding themselves overwhelmed, they fired several revolver shots into the air to frighten the students. Later they fired point blank at the students, killing and injuring several of them.

TURKISH BRIGAND ARRESTED

Alleged Plot Against President's Life

Jerusalem, To-day.

The leader of the band of Turkish brigands who was recently arrested in Aleppo on a charge of having been implicated in a plot against the life of the President of the Turkish Republic, Kemal Ataturk, has been taken on board a French warship to Messina, where he was handed over to the Turkish authorities.

Six Circassians who are likewise alleged to have participated in the plot were arrested last October in Turkey, where they are awaiting trial. Trans-Ocean Service.

"LADY PRECIOUS STREAM"

By special request another performance of "Lady Precious Stream" will be given in the Great Hall of the University on Wednesday, January 22, at 8.45 p.m. Tickets will be at \$2 and \$1 and bookings will be covered at the King's Theatre next Friday.

NEGOTIATIONS TOO INVOLVED

MEDIATION EFFORTS BY BELGIUM DENIED

FRANCE WILL NOT MOVE UNTIL BRITAIN CLARIFIES SITUATION

Paris, To-day.

The reports of the new efforts being made for the peaceful solution of the Abyssinian conflict received a new impetus yesterday, when it was announced that M. Laval had had another long talk yesterday afternoon with the Italian Ambassador, Signor Cerruti, who has just returned from a short holiday in Italy.

Political circles are inclined to attribute all the more importance to this interview since Signor Cerruti before his departure from Rome conferred with Signor Mussolini and Signor Savich, and since the feeling is beginning to take root that the Italian Government is ready to assume a more conciliatory attitude.

Brussels: The rumours that Belgium has taken steps for initiating a new peace move to end the Abyssinian war were categorically denied here yesterday as wholly devoid of foundation. It is stressed that the Belgian Government does not intend to take any steps in this direction, especially since Belgium is not a member of the League Council nor of the Committee of Thirteen, which would have to deal with any proposals for mediation.

It is moreover stated that the King of the Belgians did not conduct any political negotiations whatsoever during his recent visit to England. Trans-Ocean Service.

AID IN EVENT OF ATTACK

French Co-Operation With Britain

MEDITERRANEAN SCHEME DRAWN UP

London, To-day.

The diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Telegraph states that the British and French General Staffs have agreed on the following steps should the British fleet be attacked in the Mediterranean:-

Firstly, Britain will use the French naval bases, docks and workshops;

Secondly, the French army will call up the last two annual contingents of conscripts; and

Thirdly, the signalling forces of the French air force will be placed at the disposal of the British Air Ministry, to enable warning of a pending air attack being given. Reuter.

CHURCH AND STATE

WAR CONTINUES IN GERMANY

CATHOLIC BISHOPS HOLD SECRET MEETING

Berlin, To-day.

The dispute between the Church and the State continues unabated. The opposition pastors prepared a long document which was read in most churches, and stated that the church owes allegiance only to God, and that they could not agree that the church should be governed by the State. It also asks the members of the church who have been appointed to serve on the church council appointed by the Government to resign their posts.

The Catholic bishops held a secret meeting yesterday and the Nazi Party hopes that the outcome of the meeting might be to improve the relations between the church and the State. Reuter's Bulletin Service.

"OVAL BALL" GAME

Training For Young Fascists

Rome, To-day.

The Italian Fascist Party has adopted Rugby football as compulsory training for young Fascists. This is regarded as the most suitable sport due to its definite characteristics in physical and mental training. No satisfactory name in Italy has yet been discovered for it, and "oval ball" is the best name found at present. Reuter's Bulletin Service.

MAIL SCHEDULES

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All Existing Licences expire on
31st December, 1935.
New Licences for 1936 will be
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(b) by messenger.
(c) by post.

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will then be sent by post or messen-
ger as soon as it is ready. Where
actual cash is tendered a new licence
should be received in exchange before
leaving the Licensing Office.
In the case of renewal the old
licence should be returned with the
application.

INWARD MAILS.

FROM EUROPE

Kumsang (Air Mail ex Im-
perial Service) Jan. 15
Memnon Jan. 19

FROM SHANGHAI

Andre Lebon Jan. 14
Sarpodon Jan. 14
Pres. Coolidge Jan. 16
Emp. of Canada Jan. 17
Pres. Monroe Jan. 17
Katori Maru Jan. 17
Chichibu Maru Jan. 18

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Kumsang Jan. 15
Hakone Maru Jan. 17
Victoria Jan. 19
Hakodate Maru Jan. 20
Shirala Jan. 21
Lisbon Maru Jan. 22

FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Coolidge Jan. 16
Emp. of Canada Jan. 17
Pres. Monroe Jan. 17
Tjisadane Jan. 21

FROM JAPAN

Bengal Maru Jan. 14
Pres. Coolidge Jan. 16
Emp. of Canada Jan. 17
Pres. Monroe Jan. 17
Katori Maru Jan. 17
Durban Maru Jan. 18
Chichibu Maru Jan. 18

FROM MANILA

Stuttgart Jan. 15
Kitano Maru Jan. 16
Pres. Jefferson Jan. 17
Tjisondari Jan. 18

FROM AUSTRALIA

Kitano Maru Jan. 16

OUTWARD-MAILS

FOR EUROPE Jan.
Pres. Cleveland (via San-
Francisco) Jan. 14
Gloster Reg. 4:15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Emp. of Japan (via Vancouver)
Closes: Reg. 9:15 a.m. Ord. 10 a.m.
Andre Lebon (Air Orient Ser-
vice) Jan. 14
Closes: Reg. 9 a.m. Ord. 9:30 a.m.
Sarpodon (via Marseilles) Jan. 15
Closes: Reg. 8:45 a.m. Ord. 9:30 a.m.
Hakone Maru (via Siberia) Jan. 17
Behar (via Marseilles) Jan. 17
Closes: Reg. 4:15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Katori Maru (via Marseilles) Jan. 17
Closes: Reg. 7 p.m. Ord. 6 p.m.

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Sarpodon Jan. 15
Behar Jan. 17
Katori Maru Jan. 17

Women's Page

HIGH SHOES IN PARIS

No Mere Things
Of Beauty

THE MILITARY CUT

Whether you like it or not,
high shoes are now the peak of
fashion.

No longer does the fashionable
woman slosh about in the mud
and snow in paper-thin hand-
turned soles and catch cold in
fragile kid, for shoes are shoes
these days.

True, they haven't yet reached
that high point half-way up the
leg which the 1915-1920 hoot
achieved after an interminable
stretch of buttons or lacing, but
they are certainly more sturdy
and substantial affairs than the
footgear of the past season.

To-day's shoes are, no longer
mere things of beauty. They sup-
port delicate arches. They are
notable for their lack of heels.
Square in toe, they extend well
above the ankle. High tongues
under classical lacing efficiently
protect feet susceptible to the
exigencies of the weather.

Comfort Important

For instance sport shoes are
made of worthy stuff like buckskin,
deer-skin and antelope. Usually
they are fashioned out of two
qualities of leather of the same
shade—the more supple for the
sides, the harder for the bottoms.
Little ornamentation is used,
of course, for these shoes are pri-
marily designed for comfort.
However, perforations are per-
mitted—usually in scallops.

Shoes for city wear are inspired
by the same spirit which charac-
terises suits and dresses of mili-
tary cut, with all their trimming
and frogs of braid, gold and other-
wise.

FOR MANILA

Pres. Coolidge Jan. 16
Emp. of Canada Jan. 17
Pres. Monroe Jan. 17
Tjisadane Jan. 21

FOR U.S.A.

Emp. of Japan Jan. 14
Pres. Cleveland Jan. 14
Pres. Jefferson Jan. 17
Taiyo Maru Jan. 21

FOR SHANGHAI

Emp. of Japan Jan. 14
Pres. Cleveland Jan. 14
Hakone Maru Jan. 17
Pres. Jefferson Jan. 17
Victoria Jan. 18

FOR JAPAN

Emp. of Japan Jan. 14
Pres. Cleveland Jan. 14
Kitano Maru Jan. 16
Hakone Maru Jan. 17
Pres. Jefferson Jan. 17
Taiyo Maru Jan. 21

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Evening tailor fitted around
the lovely Winifred Shaw, War-
ner Bros. screen actress, in an
ensemble of black triple sheer
and dull gold metal cloth. The
black gown has a floor-length
swallow tail panel at back and a
12-inch slit at the skirt front.

A RUST REMOVER

Firegrates that have been
neglected may be cleared from rust
in the following way. First of all
brush the rusty parts well with a
wire brush; then go over them
again with steel wool. When a
smooth surface has been obtained
and afterwards enamel it or
blacklead it in the usual way.

CARE AND REPAIR
OF SHOESVaseline Should Be
Used Freely

Leather shoes which have not
been worn for some time are
liable to crack when used again.
To avoid this they should be rub-
bed with vaseline and left for a
day or two longer. Then wipe off
the vaseline and polish as usual.

Some shoes go hard when they
have been worn in the rain. To
restore softness to the leather rub
a little glycerine into it. Stuff
wet shoes with newspaper in pre-
ference to putting them on trees,
and dry them slowly, away from
the direct heat of a fire. To pre-
vent shoes from squeaking stand
the soles in castor oil or olive oil,
and leave them until the oil is
absorbed. This treatment has the
additional advantage of making
the shoes waterproof.

Patent Leathers.

Patent leather shoes should be
rubbed with milk or turpentine
from time to time to keep the
leather from cracking. Petrol or
benzine is excellent for lightening
skin shoes which have a tendency
to darken in wear. Shine on
suede shoes can also be removed
with petrol. Finish off by brush-
ing with a rubber brush.

Vinegar And Water

Black satin dance shoes usually
get shabby at the toes first. They
can be renewed by rubbing with
a little Brunswick black. Occasion-
ally the shoes should be sponged
with vinegar and water. Silver
kid shoes need to be carefully
handled; marks can usually be re-
moved by rubbing gently with a
rag dipped in soapy water. Bro-
cade shoes can be cleaned with a
gum indiarubber or with stale
breadcrumbs.

More Casual
AirThis Season's Fur
Coats

THE SWAGGER STYLE POPULAR

(By ELIZABETH ALLEN)

If you are one of those people
who have been wavering about
buying a fur coat this year, I am
going to spur you on towards ex-
travagance. Because not for years
have furs been so lovely, nor has
the price of good pelts been so
reasonable. Moreover, the day
has long passed when a fur coat
was brought out for evening wear
or for dressy occasions only.

The smart fur coat of to-day is
not only pressed into service from
chilly dawn to frosty night, but it
is essentially a part of one's
sports outfit.

The "Swagger" Appears

Hence the advent in America of
what is known as the "swagger"
fur coat—swagger implying a
full-swing back mannish collar,
and big comfortable pockets in
most cases.

The "swagger" appears to have
 ousted all other fussy styles of
fur wrap, because a "swagger" in
caracul, mink, or ermine is equally
lovely by night as a "swagger" of
nutria, Persian lamb, or seal is
while shopping or on a visit to a
football ground.

Leopard Spots Popular

Spotted furs, especially leopard
skin, are vastly popular with the
younger set this year. For the
Latin-type brunette I can think of
nothing more dramatically smart
than a black wool gown, allied to
a leopard skin coat and one of the
new "Martinique" turbans in
swathed black silk or fine felt,
large ear-rings, an exotic button-
hole, pale complexion, and vivid
lipstick and nails.

Incidentally, for good downright
service this fur, together with
kiddskins, lapin and trimmer,
wants a lot of bearing from an
economical point of view.

SWISS MUSLIN FOR WARM
EVENINGS

Irresistible charm is found in
the revival of dotted Swiss muslin
for evening wear and dinner
hours in hot countries.

Kathleen Burke, one of Para-
mount's most popular players,
wears a ruffled frock of blue and
white which proves this fact. The
three founces and the utterly in-
nocent lines of this dress are
ample proof that this is a feminine
fashion.



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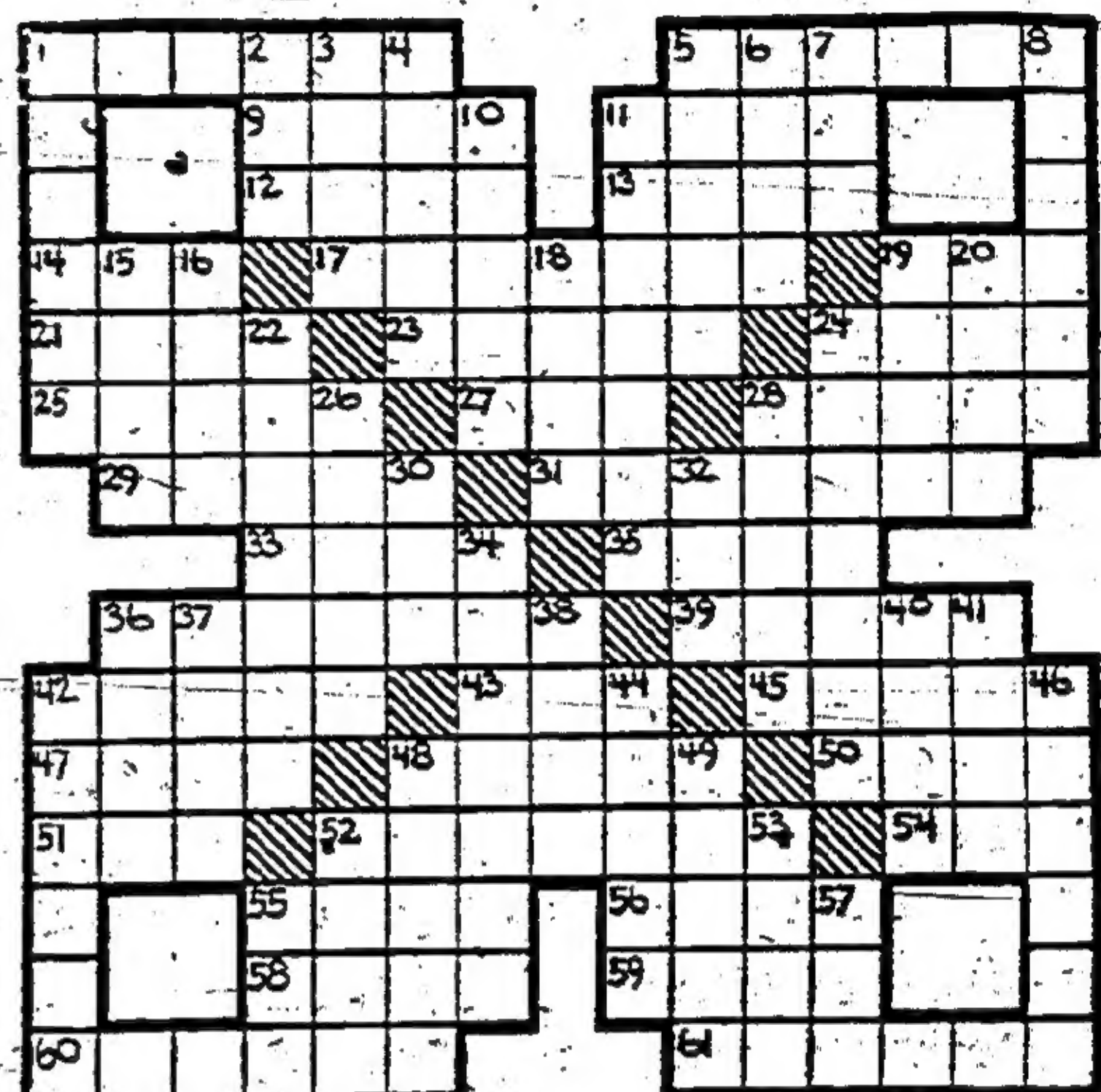
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

1-Act of flying
3-Maps
9-Organ of body (pl.)
11-An insect (pl.)
12-Snare
13-Greek war-god
14-Vase with a foot
17-Performed
19-Kitchen utensil
21-Want
23-Becomes obstructed
24-Rescue
25-Earth (Lat.)
27-Born
28-Nest of an eagle
31-Openings
31-Wrenched
33-Nest
35-Groove
36-Degrades
39-British island in
Mediterranean
42-To distill, as dew
43-Lace fabric
45-Approaches
47-Look slyly
48-Harsh

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

50-Fall in drops
51-Eagle
52-Third highest peak
in United States
54-Sailor
55-A game
56-Affirm
58-Equal
59-Girl's name
60-Affirms
61-Lassoing

VERTICAL

1-Flourish
2-Obtain
3-A rodent
4-Prefix: Across
5-Seals with wax
6-Listen
7-Farm animal
8-Sofa
10-Country of Europe
11-Mts with force
12-Long grass stem
15-Fondle
16-An emperor of Rome

VERTICAL (Cont.)

18-Lower corner of a
wall
19-Remove the skin
20-A Roman poet
22-Device for dropping
medicine
24-Decided
25-Long, slender shaft
with pointed head
26-Parting to Asia
28-Sister (abbr.)
32-A shade tree
34-Allude
35-Wild animal
37-Paradise
38-Observed
40-Small pastry
41-Melody
42-Louse blood
44-An effort to do
something
46-Jump
48-Bargains
49-Not at any time
52-Wander
53-City in Nev-
55-Fondle
57-Knock

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle
will appear in to-morrow's issue.

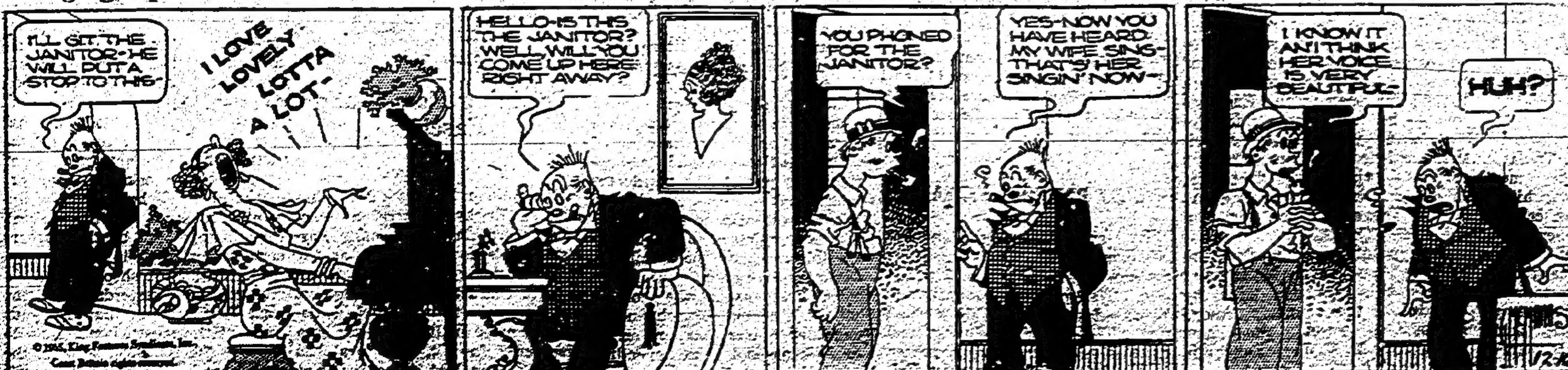


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also Silver Cutlery, Vases, Cigar Boxes and Ornaments, Cut Glass Bowls, Jugs, Decanters, Plates, etc., etc.

and A Few Pieces Black Wood Ware One Baby Grand Piano by "Fedor Bing, Dresden" One Radio Set

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BRIDGE NOTES

NOTRUMP
CONTRACTS

By Ely Culbertson

My friend, Walter Malowan, one of the country's ranking players, and a past national champion, is noted for his skillful and resourceful play of no-trump contracts. In order to prove that he is equally clever at playing his hand when there is a trump suit to-day I am going to recount one of Mr. Malowan's triumphs. The hand was played in an expert game at Crookford's Club in New York.

West, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

S-K 10 3
H-Q 5 3
D-A 7 6
C-Q J 4 2
S-8 6 5
H-A 7 4 W-E-K 10 9 6
D-K 10 8 2 S-D-Q 9 5
C-A-K 9 8 6 5 C-10 7 3
S-A-Q J 9 7 4 2
H-J 8 2
D-L 4 3
C-

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).

West North East South
1C Pass (1) INT 2S
2C Dbl (2) Pass SS (3)
Pass JS Pass Pass

1—Since North was not vulnerable, he might have overcalled with one notrump. The pass is at least as good, however, and is safer.

2—North's hand can almost be counted on to win four tricks. South's overall should add two more. It therefore seems there the contract should be defeated 300 points or more.

3—Since the two-spade overall had not shown such freak distribution as South actually had, he thought it wiser to take the double out. This was correct and a glance at the hands will show that three clubs could have been made.

Malowan held the South cards and was the declarer at four spades. West opened the King of clubs which Malowan ruffed. He now led a spade to dummy's ten and played the Queen of clubs. This he did not ruff, for he planned to discard one of his losers on this and one later, on the club Jack, thus giving up one trick in exchange for two.

When he discarded on the club Queen, Malowan used a clever ruse which successfully led the defence astray. Instead of discarding a diamond, he threw the eight of hearts. Now when West took the club Ace he feared that unless he used haste Malowan would discard all of his losing hearts. For this reason West laid down the Ace of hearts and followed it with a low heart. This established the Queen of hearts in dummy and later Malowan was able to discard one of his losing diamonds on the Jack of clubs and the other on the Queen of hearts. He lost only three tricks and made four spades.

If Malowan had been content merely to get rid of his two diamond losers, he would have been set, for in leading hearts himself he could not have developed a trick.

To Avoid Influenza.

A medical writer, speaking of the after effects of influenza, says: "It is astonishing the number of people who have been crippled in health for years after an attack. Now that influenza is again prevalent, therefore, it is a wise precaution to build up the system, so that it may be ready to protect itself against invasion by this dread disease."

Your best safeguard against influenza is not to allow yourself to become run down. Health and strength are dependent upon a plentiful supply of rich, red blood. Your best ally in sustaining the system in robust health is a tonic capable of creating such blood, and of such tonic there is none better than Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

The composition of a British physician, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have been proved by clinical tests rapidly to increase the number of red blood corpuscles, which, in turn, carry haemoglobin, that substance which conveys oxygen from the lungs and nutrients from the food directed to all the cells and tissues of the body, thereby building up and sustaining the whole system.



Claudette Colbert is in "She Married Her Boss," a Columbia picture which will be shown at the King's and Alhambra Theatres next Thursday.

EFFECT OF GLANDS
ON CRIME
MEDICAL ASSESSORS
ON THE BENCH

The influence of glands on crime was emphasised by Lord Dawson of Penn recently. He suggested the appointment of medical and scientific men as Assessors on the judicial bench, as was done in nautical and other technical matters.

ELECTRIC
IRON KILLS
A WOMAN

Death While Trying
To Mend It

FORGOT TO TURN OFF
THE CURRENT

Mrs. Frances Amelia Seorey, 41, of Manor-gardens, Islington, was found by her husband lying on the kitchen floor, having been electrocuted while trying to mend an electric iron.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury, the noted pathologist, said at the inquest that there were burns on both the woman's hands. One of the most certain causes of electrocution was current running up one arm and down the other.

The husband said he thought his wife began to repair a broken wire on the iron, using a screwdriver, but forgot that she had not turned off the current.

The verdict was accidental death.

LONDON'S OLDEST
WOMAN

Dies At The Age
Of 110

Mrs. Caroline Merriott, believed to be London's oldest woman, died in her sleep one morning recently at the Mayday Hospital, Croydon. She was 110.

Born in Tooting 10 years after Waterloo, Mrs. Merriott remembered being taken to London for the Coronation of Queen Victoria. She began work at the age of 10, and at 86 was employed in a Croydon laundry. Her recipe for long life was hard work.

Mrs. Merriott was married twice and had several children, none of whom survive her. When she was born she was so small that an uncle made a bet that he could put her into a quart jug. They tried, she used to tell, "and they got me in."

THEY DRINK "ABYSSINIA" NOW
Paris.—The war in Abyssinia has renamed a popular drink in the Paris cafe. A native rum is called "Nekta." It was formerly known as "Black Perrier."—Reuter.

FOREST FIRES IN
TURKEY

New Organisation
Formed

Ankara.—An organisation of military character, commanded by a Brigadier-General, has been created here with the object of protecting the forests of Turkey from fire.

Five hundred fires broke out in Turkey last summer, resulting in the destruction of over 1,500,000 acres of forests.

It was the seriousness of this wholesale devastation that decided the Government to create the new corps.

The organisation will be attached to the Ministry of Agriculture.—Reuter.

Amusements

Cinema Notes

"THE WHITE COCKATOO"
QUEEN'S THEATRE

It is a curious fact that most of the specially selected Crime Club stories which have been reproduced on the screen have all been labelled with a series of curious and often misleading names. Those who remember "The Case of the Curious Bride" and the "Case of the Howling Dog" will also remember how pleasantly surprised they were that these unprepossessing titles hid two of the finest mystery stories that have ever been screened.

The latest Crime Club story, "The White Cockatoo," presents an analogous case. Ricardo Cortez, that extremely polished and versatile actor, assumes the role created on the screen by Warren William, while petite Jean Muir assists him in solving the intricate problems.

"ANNA KARENINA"—KING'S THEATRE

"Anna Karenina," Greta Garbo's twentieth starring picture for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, is the most ambitious production of her career.

The new film, based authentically on Count Leo Tolstoy's immortal classic, presents Miss Garbo in a famous drama against a true background of Imperialistic Russia at the height of the nation's glory, 50 years ago.

Fredric March, acclaimed for his roles in "We Live Again," "The Affairs of Cellini" and "Les Miserables," is co-starred with Miss Garbo as the dashing Count Vronsky.

The picture is the first David O. Selznick—who brought "Little Women," "David Copperfield" and many other famous stories to the screen—has produced with Miss Garbo, and promises to equal if not surpass all his other notable productions in authenticity, grandeur and massive production.

The cast includes no less than 40 featured players as Miss Garbo's supporting artists. At the top of the galaxy stand such noted players as Freddie Bartholomew (of "David Copperfield" fame), Maureen O'Sullivan, May Robson, Basil Rathbone, Reginald Owen, Reginald Denny, Phoebe Foster, Joan Marsh and Cora Sue Collins.

"3 KIDS AND A QUEEN"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

The Alhambra is offering a very fine combined picture and vaudeville act to-day. May Robson appears in her grandest role in "3 Kids and a Queen," in which she is supported by a galaxy of juvenile stars including Frankie Darro and Billy Burrud. By her performance Miss Robson proves that she has succeeded in filling the vacancy on the screen caused by the sudden and untimely death of the beloved Marie Dressler.

Cowan and Bailey's grand show, which includes Ted and Evelyn and Estelle Davis, who have proved so popular at the Hong Kong Hotel and the Oriental Theatre, provide an excellent added attraction.

"BREWSTER'S MILLIONS"—STAR THEATRE

"Brewster's Millions," British and Dominion's latest and most ambitious musical, comes to the Star Theatre with Jack Buchanan in the part created by the late Sir Gerald du Maurier in 1907.

The story is that of a young man (Jack Buchanan) who is compelled to spend a legacy of £500,000 in six months in order to qualify for a fortune of £500,000. His crazy methods of doing this provide most of the fun.

"ROBERTA"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

A fashion show, added to a variety of stars, gorgeous settings and lifting music, is the colourful combination that is given to audiences who view "ROBERTA," elaborate new musical comedy, "Robert" with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station ZBW, on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C's.).

Jazz Piano Recital by Doreen Ma.

Concert from Studio.

12.30-2.10 p.m.—European Programme.

12.30 p.m.—Recorded Music.

1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletin, Rugby Press News, etc.

2.40 p.m. (Approx.)—A Relay of the Hong Kong Club-Tiffin Speech from the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

Rotarian Richard Sweeney of Singapore on "Air Development in Malaya and Hong Kong."

2.10 p.m.—Close Down.

4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-11.15 p.m.—European Programme.

7-7.30 p.m.—Selections from Musical Comedy.

Comedy Ball at the Savoy.

C. B. Cochran Presents Seeing Stars.

7.30-8 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Concert by

Pat Sinclair (Contralto).

Victor Sanders (Baritone).

Nura Kania (Pianoforte).

Programme

1. Songs: Beloved in your absence.

Alah be with us.

Pat Sinclair.

"Love in Damascus"

Woodford Mason.

2. Songs: Four Songs of the Fair.

Eschoppe Martin.

Victor Sanders.

3. Pianoforte Solo: Selected.

Nura Kania.

4. Songs: Love will find a way.

Fraser Simpson.

Pat Sinclair.

5. Song: Yeoman of England.

German.

Victor Sanders.

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report: Closing Local Stock Quotations.

8.06-8.15 p.m.—"Maurice Chevalier Song" Medley.

8.15-9 p.m.—A Relay from Doreen Ma.

"Silver my Tambour." Another programme of musical nonsense with the usual pirates, parrots, maidens and mermaids. The mixture well shaken by William MacLurg.

9-9.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Doreen Ma Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter).

9.15-9.35 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Jazz Piano Recital by Doreen Ma.

Programme

1. I live for Love.

2. I couldn't believe my eyes.

3. Things might have been so different.

4. Take it easy.

5. You are my lucky star.

6. Request Numbers.

9.25-9.40 p.m.—"Remembrance"

9.40-10 p.m.—From the Studio.

"Marlowe"—The Poet of Youth by Alistair Drummond.

10 p.m.—Big Ben.

10-10.15 p.m.—A Recital by Frank Titerton (Tenor).

1. Ashore (Bingham).

2. Beauty's Eyes (Toots).

3. In an old fashioned town (Squire).

4. My dear Soul (Sanderson).

10.15-10.45 p.m.—Light Orchestral Music.

Waltz: Waltz Potpourri (arr. Silbermann).

Monkton Melodies (arr. Stanford Robinson).

Concert Waltz—"Joyousness" (Haydn Wood).

Hommage March (Haydn Wood).

A La Mince ("Two Little Dances") (Finck).

10.45-11.15 p.m. (Approx.)

A relay from the Queen's Theatre of a portion of the musical comedy "A Country Girl."

11.15 p.m. (Approx.)—Close Down

STATE PAWNSHOP
OPENED

Protecting Poor in
Nicaragua

Managua.—An official Government pawnshop has been opened here by the President of Nicaragua, General Juan B. Sacasa. It is the first of its kind to be opened in Nicaragua and has been named the "Monte de Piedad"—the Mountain of Pity. It is stated that such a State-controlled pawnshop will be particularly helpful in protecting poor from exploitation by loan sharks.—Reuter.

CALM YOURSELF
MAJESTIC THEATRE

Robert Young, one of the best of American younger school of comedians, is here, incidentally, in a new establishment. He is giving a series of picture-in-sound parades to pictures in a splendidly equipped theatre with a delightful comedy play in rainbow hues upon the drama "Calm Yourself."

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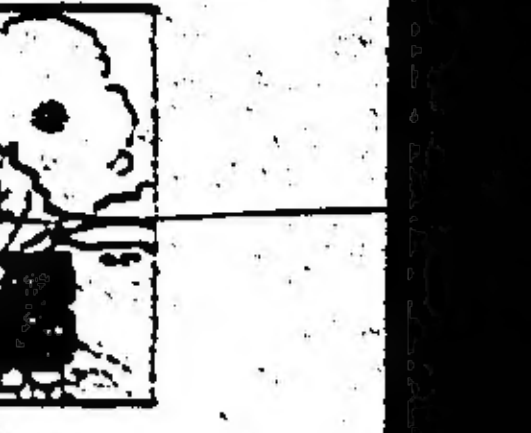
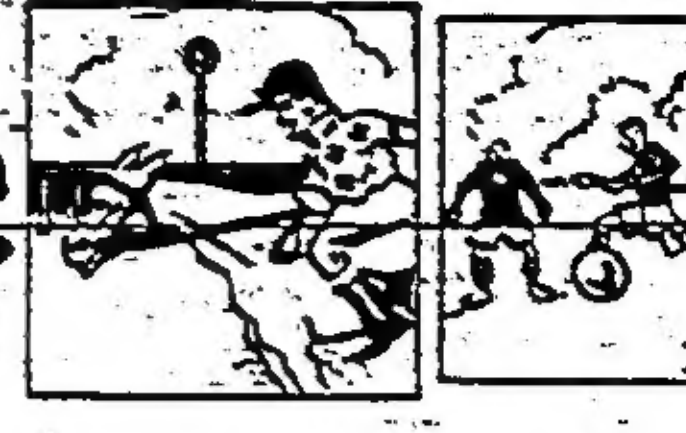
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Sporting Page



"STICKS" SELECTS COLONY INTERPORT TEAM TO MEET MACAO



Awtar Singh, above, is almost certain of a place in the Colony team to meet Macao.

NOMADS TO VISIT MACAO

Team Strengthened By Positional Changes

The Nomads, who have made great progress recently, have no Mamak fixture this week, but they have arranged two games for this week-end. On Saturday they will meet the Volunteer Signallers and on Sunday the Lower Deck. Both of these games will be played on the Radio ground, Caroline Hill, at 4 p.m.

The Nomads intend visiting Macao early next month to play against the Macao Hockey Club juniors, and are now awaiting confirmation from Macao before final arrangements are made.

No new players have joined the Nomads, but several players have been tried in different positions to advantage. L. Souza, who up to now has been playing at forward, is now playing in the half-back line and seems very suited to the position.

ARGONAUTS TO BE STRENGTHENED

Oliveira Joins Team And Gonsalves Well

The Argonauts, who are playing off their Mamak fixtures as soon as possible, are endeavouring to meet the Police either on Saturday or Sunday, but nothing has been yet definitely arranged.

The Argonauts will be greatly strengthened by the inclusion of L. Oliveira, of the University.

J. Gonsalves, who has been out of hockey for some time, has now fully recovered from his injury and will be seen in his old position at centre-half.

CAMP INTERFERES WITH HOCKEY

H.K.S.R.A. To Meet The Ulsters

The H.K.S.R.A. have cancelled all their big hockey fixtures for this month due to the fact that with two Batteries at camp they are finding it very hard to put out their best team. They will, however, play a number of "A" team matches.

They have a game with the Royal Ulster Rifles on the Marina ground next Friday, commencing at 4 p.m., and this game should be interesting in that it will mark the debut of the Ulsters in local hockey.

The Brigade will resume their "big match programme" next month when the Large Units competition is due to start. The draw for this will be made shortly.

K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Kowloon Cricket Club are holding an American Tennis Tournament for members and subscribers next Sunday, commencing at 2.15 p.m. Entrance fee is \$1.50 per pair.

THE SIGNALS START TEAM BUILDING

Austen Gets Down To Work

NEW PLAYERS FROM HOME

Sig. Austen, who only recently took over the duties of hockey secretary of the Royal Corps of Signals, has settled down to his task of team-building in real earnest and, though he has been at it for a very short time, he has had three practice matches already.

The first of these was against the H.K.S.R.A. second team to whom they lost by 5 goals to 1, the second against the 40th Coy. R.E., which they won by the odd goal in five, and the third against the C.B.A., to whom they lost by a lone goal.

These matches, however, have served as pointers as regards the composition of their team for future matches, and it is interesting to note that they have discovered a good left-back in Sig. L. Smith, while L/Cpl. Lancaster is also showing good promise in the right-half position. Lancaster played hockey at Home prior to coming out here and in the three matches mentioned above he showed that with practice he ought to be quite an acquisition to the team.

New Talent Expected

Sig. Thomson has also been persuaded to devote more time to hockey and should develop into a really useful right-winger, after a little experience. Sig. Sinclair, who was injured at soccer some weeks ago, has reported fit and will be seen in the team again, while another player to return to the side is Sig. Cleverly, whose ankle injury prevented him from playing hockey for "about three weeks."

The Signals will be playing a friendly against the St. Andrew's Club to-morrow, but this is more in the nature of a trial game than anything else, as they hope to resume their Mamak fixtures early next week.

They are expecting some new men on the troopship Dorsetshire, which is due here to-morrow, and it is understood that there will be one or two hockey players amongst them. They should prove very welcome, for the Signals have found it rather hard to field a good team for some time, due to a dearth of talent.

The probable side for to-morrow's match, on the Marina ground, will be as follows:—

Sig. Dove; Sig. Wright, Sig. L. Smith; L/Cpl. Lancaster, L/Cpl. Nash, Sig. Sinclair; Sig. Thomson, Sig. Cox, Sig. May, Sig. Austen and Sig. Cleverly.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ladies' Hockey Interport

[To The Editor: "China Mail"]

Sir,—Now that the Ladies' Interport team has at last been completed, a word or two regarding the unparalleled blunders the selectors have made would not be altogether amiss.

The passing over of Miss O. Dalziel can only be attributed to sheer carelessness. There has been no right-winger in Hong Kong since ladies' hockey came to the fore to compare with her, and the selection of Miss M. Smith to fill that position could only have been made with a view to her having played in the previous Interport at inside-right.

Miss M. Westcott's name was not even sent in to the selectors as being worthy of consideration, and yet she was selected for the left-wing position. She has no ball-control whatever, and is likely to be a passenger in the one "big" game of the year!

The following team was the one that should have been selected:—

Side Almost Picks Itself For "Big" Match



THE DOUBLE?—The Diocesan Girls' School hockey team, above, will probably carry off the Brawn Cup and the Knill Cup for the junior seven-a-sides.



Miss E. Thomson, above, the "Y" Ladies' pivot, played an outstandingly good game against the Interport team in last Sunday's practice match.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE DRAW

16 Byes And 8 Wides Off Human's Bowling

UNUSUAL TACTICS TO GET NEW BALL

Dunedin, to-day.

The M.C.C. tourists were held to a draw by New Zealand in their unofficial Test match yesterday, rain delaying the start until 3 p.m.

In order to secure the new ball, Human, the former Cambridge University all-rounder, adopted the unusual method of bowling 16 byes and 8 wides, but his plan was frustrated when Vivian, who took his overnight score of 53 to 87, successfully appealed against the light at 5.40 p.m. after New Zealand had taken 160 minutes to score 89 runs.

Scores, as cable by Reuter, were as follows: M.C.C.—63 for 5 dec. (Barber 173, Parks 100, Hartstaff 76, J. H. Human 97, Langridge 106, E. R. T. Holmes 54 not out). New Zealand: 81 (Read 6 for 26) and 205 for 7 (Vivian 87 not out, Read 5 for 74).

ALL-INDIA WIN

Australians Fail At Lahore

Lahore, to-day.

India beat Australia by 68 runs in their unofficial Test match here yesterday when the remaining three visiting batsmen were dismissed for 59 runs.

Scores, as cable by Reuter, were as follows: All-India: 149 and 301 (Wasim Ali 92, L. Leather 5 for 127). Australia: 166 and 216 (J. B. Ryder 70, J. Morrison 53, M. Nisner 4 for 29, Baquajinal 4 for 15).

Mrs. Lunson; Miss Gray and Miss Fowler; Miss Wong, Miss Bryson and Mrs. Bell; Miss O. Dalziel, Miss S. Dalziel, Miss Smith; Miss Aley and Miss Gittins.

The selection of Miss J. Dalziel as reserve, after her recent performances, and especially in last Sunday's practice game, which I notice your paper "covered" properly, was a joke, to say the least.

DISGUSTED.

RECREIO ARE DOGGED BY BAD LUCK

ONLY ONE POINT IN 7 GAMES

Last Match Next Saturday

There seems little doubt that Recreio Ladies will be the wooden spoonists in the Caer Clark Cup competition this season for, with only one more match in hand, they have only scored one point, and that the result of a somewhat lucky draw early in the season against C.B.A. Ladies.

In fairness to Recreio, however, it must be said that they have been rather unlucky in that they have not always been able to play the same team for every match. To begin with they lost a very valuable player when Miss

TIME FOR RUGBY KICK-OFF NEXT THURSDAY

The match between the New Zealand Universities touring Rugby team and the Colony five-team will be played on the Club ground next Thursday, commencing at 4.30 p.m. and not at 4.45 p.m. as previously announced.

L. Silva-Netto sprained her ankle so badly a few months ago that she has not been able to play again, and she was considered one of their best players.

The departure of Miss M. Basto for England to pursue her studies was perhaps the greatest blow to them, however, for she was not only a thoroughly reliable left full-back, but she had the happy knack of being able to instil confidence in her team mates. In their match against St. Andrew's last week, they were without the services of Miss Cissy Botelho, who could not play at the last minute owing to illness.

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Defeat Of "Y" Unfortunate In More Senses Than One

(By "STICKS")

The defeat of "Y" Ladies last Saturday at the hands of C.B.A. was unfortunate in more senses than one. Firstly, the losers were without their skipper, Miss S. Dalziel, who twisted her ankle when playing against St. Andrew's last Thursday—this will serve as a lesson to teams playing practice matches only two days before vital games! Secondly, because C.B.A., who are now Hong Kong Ladies' only challengers, are hardly strong enough to win the little the champions have retained since the competition was started—a change in champions is always welcome.

The "Y" made a fatal error when they did not play Miss Fowler in the forward line right

PLACE FOUND FOR HASSAN

PROBABLE CIVILIANS' LINE-UP

MACAO TO MAKE ONE CHANGE

(By "Sticks")

THE first Interport hockey trial will take place next Sunday on the Navy ground, King's Park, when the cream of the hockey talent in the Colony will be on display, and, judging from the two trial teams, the selectors should have no difficulty in choosing a powerful side to meet Macao.

Lt. Comdr. Garwood, of the Navy, is easily the better of the two custodians and should be given the position between the sticks, for, although Ramzan, of the K.I.T.C., recently performed extraordinarily well against Macao, he was much too spectacular to be really safe.

Guest and Comdr. Broome, following their respective displays in the Civilian-Combined Services game, have no superiors in the Colony and should secure places in the team.

Khan Bahadur, the Army left-back, is too inclined to undercut when clearing, and the same applies to Kishen Singh, the other Army back.

The intermediate line will probably present the selectors with the least difficulty.

M. H. Hassan, of the Radio, has at last regained the brilliant form he displayed two years ago, just before his injury, and is, with the exception of W. A. Reed, the outstanding half in the Colony.

W. A. Reed has no equal in the pivot position and Alaf Din is still our best left-half.

The latter two played against Macao in the last Interport and the experience gained will be an invaluable asset in their favour.

Food For Thought

The forward line will give the Selection Committee food for thought. The Possibles' forward line, with Lieut. Burch at inside-right instead of Saranagat Singh, will probably be the selected one.

Awtar Singh and Gurbachan Singh played together with remarkable success for the K.I.T.C. against Macao recently and were responsible for the visitors' defeat—the first for over a year—no mean achievement.

Lieut. Burch of the Navy, is without a doubt the finest inside forward, or centre-forward we have seen in the Colony since Kartar Singh of the Punjab left for India to break up a fine partnership with Lal Singh.

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The following are the trial teams for Sunday:—

Trial Teams

Probables (Whites):—Lt. Comdr. Garwood (Navy); A. E. P. Guest (Radio) and Khan Bahadur (Army); M. H. Hassan (Radio); W. A. Reed (Club) and Alaf Din (Army); Khanda Bux (Army), Sub. Lt. Wright (Navy), Lt. Burch (Navy), Carey (Club) and Pte. Nolan (Army).

Reserves:—J. E. Potter (Club) (Back), N. Beltrao (Recreio) (Half-back), Wass (Police) and Azhar Khan (Army) (Forwards).

Possibles (Colours):—Ramzan (K.I.T.C.); Comdr. Broome (Navy) and Kishan Singh (Army); A. S. Biss (St. Andrews), D. Brown (Army) and Pariser (Police); G. E. R. Divett (Club), Awtar Singh (K.I.T.C.), Gurbachan Singh (Radio), Saranagat Singh (Radio) and Lal Singh (Army).

Reserves: Lt. Comdr. Gush (Navy) (Back), Pte. Neighbour (Army) (Half-back), S. A. Fowler (Club) and J. M. Pinto (K.I.T.C.) (Forwards).

My Selection For Interport

LIEUT. COMDR. GARWOOD (Navy)

A. E. P. GUEST (RADIO)

COMDR. BROOME (Navy)

M. H. HASSAN (Radio)

W. A. REED (Club)

ALAF DIN (Army)

G. E. R. DIVETT (Club)

AWTAR SINGH (K.I.T.C.)

GURBACHAN SINGH (Radio)

LIEUT. BURCH (Navy)

LAL SINGH (Army)



Miss Jean Dalziel, above, the Hong Kong Ladies' skipper, has been selected as reserve forward for the Interport against Shanghai.

H.K. LADIES TO HOLD PRACTICE GAME

Juniors To Meet C.B.A. In Brawn Cup Series

Hong Kong Ladies have no Caer Clark Cup fixture until they meet St. Andrew's Ladies on February 8. It is understood, however, that they are having an intra-Club game next Saturday between two selected teams.

The junior team have a Brawn Cup match against the C.B.A. Ladies next Saturday at Sookm-poo. They will, in all probability, field the team which trounced C.B.A. two Saturdays ago.

The team was as follows:—Miss S. Bissett; Miss E. Strahan and Miss G. Swan; Mrs. Bennett, Miss B. Hance and Miss M. Sleep; Mrs. Davis, Miss Gordon-Smith, Mrs. P. M. Harrop, Miss R. Smalley and Miss V. Blackburn.



Parker, the Interport and Police hockey player, who has not struck his best form since his illness, will probably be seen in the Civilian side against Macao next week.

INTERPORT SKIPPER IS SATISFIED

"TEAM CHOSEN A GOOD ONE"

LEE NOT TOO KEEN ON THE FILMS

Lee Wai-tong, who will captain the Interport soccer side against Shanghai, feels that though unfortunately the best side could not be sent to Shanghai owing to the inability of some players to obtain leave, the team chosen is a good one and should give a good account of themselves, in spite of the handicap of having to play on a very heavy ground.

Leonard's habit of laying between the backs and his bustling and robust methods may fit in well for the centre-forward position, but as an inside forward he will have to adapt his play to that position and fall back and help the defence.

Asked whether he would soon be becoming a movie star, Lee said that he was not at present very keen, though he had been approached by several Chinese film producers; but he was not averse to making an educational film on football. The dialect difficulty would arise unless he made it in Mandarin, which is now being more extensively used in China than formerly.

Lee As Author.

Lee's great ambition is to write a book on football. In 1929 he wrote one, but it dealt chiefly with the history of the beginning of football in China and contained hints to beginners. Lee hopes to collect most of his material for his new book during his tour in Europe, and as he has friends in almost all the continental countries he intends, if possible, to visit as many places as possible and thus see for himself the different styles and types of football played.

Nothing further has been done with regard to the Chinese team for the Berlin Games and advantage will be taken by Lee Wai-tong next week in Shanghai to discuss matters personally with the officials there so as to complete the final arrangements.

Mamak League Tables To Date

1ST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F.A.	Pts
R. Engineers	7	3	2	2	13	5
Radio	4	3	1	0	4	7
K.I.T.C.	3	2	1	0	12	5
H.K. Police	4	1	2	1	2	4
Argonauts	4	2	0	2	7	6
Royal Signals	0	0	0	4	11	0
St. Andrew's	1	0	0	1	0	0
H.M.S.						
Partials	1	0	0	1	0	0

2ND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F.A.	Pts
C.B.A.	5	3	0	0	36	4
R. Engineers	3	3	2	2	7	10
12th Bty. R.A.	6	3	1	2	14	7
Nomads	5	1	2	2	11	4
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Turban And Ear-Rings: A Strange Sight

YUVRAJ OF PATIALA A FINE "GULLY"

London, November 29.
 A Giant Sikh in a silk turban and jewelled ear-rings batting at Lord's—that is the engaging prospect conjured up by the selection of the Yuvraj of Patiala as captain of the Indian cricket team against the Australians.
 The match is scheduled for December 5 at Bombay, and it is a fair assumption that if the Yuvraj (which means heir-apparent) makes a good job of the captaincy, he will be asked to join the touring team in England next summer.

A finely built, elegant young man, the Yuvraj of Patiala measures 6ft. 5in. from his toes to turban-top. Like his father, he plays in diamond and pearl earrings, and wears a different coloured silk turban every day.

In The Blood
 Such an imposing figure would surely create a stir on our cricket grounds. And cricket is so much in the Patiala blood that it would be no surprise if the Yuvraj proved a class performer.

His huge reach makes him a fine "gully," and on firm wickets he can be an attacking off-side batsman.

His grandfather was the first Indian prince to engage English professionals to act as coaches in India, and the present Maharajah has had a long succession of Yorkshire players at work on his fine grounds.

ATTACKING FORCE BEHIND CAMBRIDGE SCUM

The great attacking force behind the Cambridge scum, of course, is Prince Obolensky, and probably there is no one

PLACE FOUND FOR HASSAN

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Question Of Combination
 Lieut. Wraith, of the Navy, is on a par with Awtar Singh, but the question of combination and understanding which must inevitably crop up in this case will probably rob him of a place.

Parker, of the Police, who was given a "tap" last year at left-half, has never been seen at his best since his illness.

Macao will also meet the Civilian team on January 26, and for this game I suggest the following Civilian team: Ramzan (K.I.T.C.); A. E. P. Guest (Radio) and G. Sommer (Club); M. H. Hassan (Radio); W. A. Reed (Club) and J. Parker (Police); G. E. R. Divett (Club); Awtar Singh (K.I.T.C.); Gurbachan Singh (Radio); G. H. Fowler (C.B.A.) and D. J. Nooy (Club).

This is the strongest possible team that could be fielded in view of the fact that several potential interlopers will be engaged in the soccer Interport, namely Bliss and Beltrac.

One Macao Change

Macao are likely to be more at home against the Colony and Civilian sides in view of the fact that they will be playing on grass and the team will probably be the same as that which drew with the H.K.S.E.A. a fortnight ago, with the exception of Rodrigues, at right-back instead of Rosario.

The occasion will be a special one as Lieut. Da Costa, the founder of hockey in Macao, will be shortly leaving the Portuguese island which has been his home for the last eight or nine years.

quite so fast playing Rugby at the moment. At any rate, if any one can keep up with him over 30 yards I am quite sure there is no one who jumps into a stride so beautifully and has his opponent beaten before the chase is begun.

WHAT CAMBRIDGE NEEDS MOST LESSONS OF VARSITY RUGBY MATCH

FORWARD PLAY MOST IMPORTANT

(By Howard Marshall)
 London, December 12.

A FEW notes—after-thoughts, perhaps on the Varsity match, and first let me say that I still think it was a grand game. How anyone not suffering from jaundice of the megrims could find it dull passes my comprehension. The very fact that there was no scoring gave every movement, every inch of ground gained or lost, an added significance; just one try, one little try, would have meant the difference between triumph and disaster.

As for the quality of the football, I rate it high. Some people seem to regard the Varsity match as little better than a pot-house brawl, with no subtlety of skill about it. Others belittle it with giggling criticism, apparently disappointed because it does not turn out to be an academic exposition of Rugby theory.

To my mind it is a match apart, not to be judged by rule-of-thumb standards. It is played at a great pace by desperately keen young men, with tremendous tackling as a levelling factor. Three-quarters who can beat the ordinary defence find themselves held and shaken, and players of average ability become supermen for this one afternoon.

It is easy enough to blame Grieve and the Oxford centres for their ineptitude, considering the number of times they had the ball, but I do not believe that any other midfield players would have fared better against that swift and devastating Cambridge defence.

Actually Grieve was admirably level-headed, and some of his covering in moments of stress was first-rate. Walford also did uncommonly well, and I shall be surprised if we do not see him in the next England trial match. It would be interesting to try him at stand-off half, where he played at school.

The moral of the match, I suggest, is that sound forward play is still the most important phase of the game.

Lesson For Cambridge

A lesson for Cambridge whose fine attacking backs were robbed of their chances by forwards who had not learnt how to scrummage. Put the Cambridge backs behind the Oxford pack, and there you have a great team.

It is difficult to understand why Cambridge have been unable to find a scrummaging pack. There must be plenty of sound, honest forwards in residence who could be taught to shove and bind and hollow the back and pack low. What Cambridge need most is a return to the scrummaging tradition, though perhaps we should look further, and say that what the game needs most is a return to the scrummaging tradition in the schools.

I do not maintain that Oxford scrummaged perfectly, but they were good in the tight and the line-out, and towards the end of the game particularly, some of their concerted loose rushes were splendid. In fact, we have not seen so useful a University pack for some years, though one thing did surprise me.

Where Oxford Erred

Oxford heeled the ball with extraordinary regularity, but not once did they bring off a really effective and properly executed wheel. They apparently attempted to wheel now and again, but there was never that violent swing of the front row which throws the second row wide, and without this swing a wheel can never be successful.

The game produced some lively forwards, Cooper, Bloxham and Hughes of Oxford, and Laborde and Dinwiddie of Cambridge. Some of these must surely be tried for their respective countries, and if Wales do not play Hughes against the All Blacks they will be making a serious mistake.

EDER'S AMBITION

Gustave Eder, the German and European welter-weight champion, is leaving for the United States, where he has several boxing engagements during the early part of next year. He hopes to get a chance of fighting for the world welter-weight title, at present held by Barney Ross.



L. Goldman and Miss R. Hancock, above, are expected to retain their Colony Mixed Doubles Lawn Tennis Championship title against H. D. Runjahn and Mrs. Chin Chun-chiu, last year's finalists, at the C. R. C. next Saturday.

F.A. CUP DRAW ARSENAL TO VISIT LIVERPOOL

TWO MATCHES FOR LONDON IF SPURS WIN

London, To-day.

Sheffield Wednesday, holders of the F.A. Cup, will have to meet Newcastle in the Fourth Round on January 25, providing they beat Crewe in their replay to-morrow, while West Bromwich Albion, last year's finalists, will visit Bradford.

The only clash between First Division Clubs will take place at Anfield Road, where Liverpool will entertain the Arsenal.

The following is the draw: Bradford C. v. Blackburn or Bolton. Liverpool v. Arsenal. Norwich v. Chelsea v. Plymouth. Derby v. Notts F. Bradford v. West Bromwich. Millwall or Stoke v. Manchester U. Notts C. or Tramere v. Barnsley or Birmingham.

Tottenham or Southend v. Huddersfield. Manchester C. v. West Ham or Luton. Crewe or Wednesday v. Newcastle. Leicester v. Watford. Port Vale v. Hartlepool or Grimsby. Wolves or Leeds v. Bury. Fulham v. Blackpool. Middlesbrough v. Clapton. Preston v. Burnley or Sheffield U. —Reuter.

SUNDERLAND DEFEATED

SURPRISE WIN FOR PORT VALE

London, To-day.

After sharing four goals with Sunderland, present leaders of the premier league, at Roker Park last Saturday, Port Vale, a Second Division Club, astounded the football world yesterday by winning their Third Round F.A. Cup replay by two clear goals on their own ground. —Reuter.

Port Vale will be at home to either Hartlepool or Grimsby in the Fourth Round on January 25. Last year Sunderland lost to Everton in the Fourth Round, while Port Vale were eliminated by West Bromwich Albion, the finalists, in the Third Round.

ELVIN WINS

Santos Eliminated By Nine Points

Only one match in the Senior Billiards Championship was played off last night, J. Elvin beating N. A. Santos by the narrow margin of 500 points, to 491 at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

The match between A. W. Grimmer and W. Hon Sling, which was scheduled to be played at the Club Lusitano, was postponed. At the Cheero Club, Tai Kwai, last beat Man Che-man by 300 points to 271 in the Junior Billiards Championship.

Two Games To-day

Only two games are down for decision to-day, but to-morrow an excellent game should be witnessed in the Senior Division when Q. S. M. Staples, one of the most outstanding players in the Steel, Coulson Billiards and Snooker Leagues, will meet E. D. de Souza of the Lusitano Club, on the Civil Service Cricket Club table.

The following are to-day's fixtures: Leighton: "Ma" Chuen-mun v. M. J. Medina (J) Reuter. J. Skinner v. S. G. Smith (J)

SCHMELING TO FIGHT JOE LOUIS

WINNER TO ENCOUNTER JAMES J. BRADDOCK

GERMAN APPEARS BEFORE N.Y.B.C.

New York, December 11.

MAX SCHMELING, the German boxer, has signed a contract to-day to fight Joe Louis, the Negro fighter, next June for the right to contest the heavy-weight boxing title of the world against James J. Braddock, the holder.

The contract is conditional on the outcome of Friday's match between Louis, who knocked out Max Baer, and Paulino Uzcudun, the Basque who has never taken the count. With his manager, Joe Jacobs, and Mike Jacobs, head of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club, the German boxer appeared this afternoon before the New York Boxing Commission.

As soon as all the members of the commission were assembled, Schmeling said: "Gentlemen, I came to this country at the invitation of the Madison-square Corporation to arrange a match with Braddock for the heavy-weight championship. I ask of you commissioners, will you approve such a match?"

Brigadier-General John J. Phelan, chairman of the commission, instantly replied: "This commission positively will not. So far as this body is concerned, Joe Louis has established himself as the outstanding contender for heavy-weight honours, and the only way Louis can be displaced is for some contender to eliminate him in a contest."

Schmeling's Rejoinder
 Quickly came Schmeling's rejoinder. "Then, gentlemen, I hereby go on record that I'm ready to fight Louis for the right to meet Braddock. Is that agreeable?"

His offer was accepted with one reservation—that if Louis is defeated by any man before his meeting with Schmeling, that man will have earned the right to fight the German Boxer for a match with Braddock.

SNOOKER LEAGUE

Royal Naval Yard Police In Form

WIN THREE MATCHES IN ROW

By winning their last three matches handsomely the Royal Naval Yard Police have moved from seventh to second place and are only one point behind the leaders in the Steel, Coulson's Snooker League.

In view of this the clash between these teams on Thursday next should prove most interesting.

The Catholic Union Club sustained their first defeat of the season, at the hands of the Prison Officers Mess.

Results of the most recent matches are:

R.N.Y. Police 5 St. Patrick's 0
 Stafford 48 J. Remedios 39
 Fowler 48 Castillo 30
 Bellamy 39 L. Remedios 29
 Gwyther 67 Santos 53
 Down 57 Castro 18

C.S.C.C. 4 D.E.C. 1
 Bower 29 Lewis 64
 Billson 40 Norris 57
 Grimmer 65 Waldie 9
 Strange 61 Proom 12
 Hillyer 47 Smith 32

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

P. W. L. F. A.
 Catholic Union 9 2 1 32 12
 R. N. Y. Police 10 5 3 31 13
 Prison Officers 10 6 2 29 21
 C.S.C.C. 10 5 2 24 25
 Dockyard R.C. 10 4 6 24 25
 Garrison Sgts. 8 5 3 22 18
 R.E. Sgts. 9 4 5 20 25
 R.W.F. Sgts. 6 5 1 19 11
 C. & P.O.'s Club 9 2 7 15 30
 St. Pat's Club 9 1 8 9 25

HAROLD LARWOOD'S BENEFIT MATCH

Harold Larwood, the Nottinghamshire and England fast bowler, who takes his benefit next season, has selected the Notts. v. Yorkshire match at Trent Bridge beginning July 18.

JOCK McAVOY IMPRESSES U.S. FIGHT FANS

TO MEET AL McCOY ONCE AGAIN?

BEST MIDDLEWEIGHT SINCE DRISCOLL

(By "Fair Field")

London, December 11.
 I shall be very surprised if the Americans allow Jock McAvoy to leave their shores without another fight with Al McCoy, the French-Canadian from Maine, whom he so decisively defeated at Madison Square Garden in November.

All the American newspapers, which have been sent me by an American correspondent, were loud in their praises of the Manchester man, whose worrying, rugged methods and willingness both to give and take a punch, endeared him to the crowd from the start. "Can Fight Like Sixty—Plus!"

Hyper Igoo, one of the foremost critics in America, wrote, "By all the echoes of Big Ben, the darling of John Bull's heart can fight like 60—plus! He thrashed the best light-heavyweight in this country."

"A fine fighting man from England," is the verdict of the "New York Herald Tribune," which praises his hard punching. "He fought like a young kid who has just received his Christmas presents."

Best Since Driscoll

A suggestion was made after the fight that McCoy had had to box six rounds in a steam room to make the weight, and that when he got into the ring he felt weak. His natural weight, apparently, is 12st 5lb, and the extra 3lb he had to take off handicapped him. I don't think that can be taken as a serious explanation of McCoy's defeat, for McAvoy, according to the American Press, won purely on his merits.

RECREIO ARE DOGGED BY BAD LUCK

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Her place was filled by Miss M. Roza, who, though a promising player, is not yet up to first division standard.

Recreio will play their last match of the season against "Y" Ladies, but even their most ardent supporter cannot hope for a win against this very much improved team. Miss C. Botelho will be returning to the team again which will line-up as under:

Recreio Ladies: Miss Z. Barros; Miss C. Osmund; Miss O. Botelho; Miss E. Xavier; Miss M. Alves; Miss N. Gonzales; Miss E. Remedios; Miss P. Figueiredo; Miss C. Silva; Miss A. Alves; and Miss C. Botelho.

LANCASHIRE'S NEW CRICKET CAPTAIN

T. P. Eckersley, having been elected to Parliament, has resigned the captaincy of Lancashire County Cricket Club, and the candidates for the position are W. H. Lister and Ernest Tyldeney, who proposes to play as an amateur. Lancashire last season made a profit of £216.

A black and white collage of vintage advertisements. The top left shows a window display with a mannequin. The top right features a large, bold advertisement for 'KAAAWA', a town in Oahu, T.H., with the text 'NAME OF A TOWN IN OAHU, T.H. THREE A'S IN SUCCESSION - AND ALL OF THEM PRONOUNCED'. The middle right section contains a restaurant sign that reads 'EAT HERE BEFORE WE BOTH STARVE' and 'RESTAURANT SIGN IN NEW YORK'. The bottom right section is a large advertisement for 'HARRY RICE', a baseball player, with the text 'HARRY RICE - PLAYED WITH 2 DIFFERENT CLUBS THE SAME DAY! HE PLAYED THE FIRST GAME OF A DOUBLEHEADER WITH SEATTLE AND THE 2ND WITH PORTLAND'. The bottom left section is an advertisement for 'CLOCK WORLD', with the text 'CLOCK WORLD IN CHURCH, Cye, England 5 YEARS - SINCE 1860 FOR RECEIVED \$1.65 DOLLARS DOWN INSIDE THE CHURCH'. The bottom of the collage includes a small advertisement for 'ROSEBELL CEMETERY' and a small, partially legible advertisement for 'Bacon, Georgia'.

ITALIAN MOTOR LINER

Luxury Ship On Far East Run

"VICTORIA" OFFERS EVERY FACILITY

The new Italian motor liner Victoria, of the Lloyd Triestino Company, which will arrive on her maiden voyage to the Far East on January 19, will fill the two primary needs of modern travel, speed and comfort.

This wonder motor-ship is 164.50 m. long, has a beam of 20.54 m., and a draft of 13 m. The liner is capable of attaining a speed of 23 knots and will take 24 days from Shanghai to Genoa, touching at Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Massowah, Port Said and Naples.

Naval marine construction as a progressive science cannot be better exemplified than in the case of the Victoria. Inspection of her luxurious saloons, her lengthy promenades, her spacious games decks, all combine to indicate to a wonderful degree how little, in creating the environment of a de luxe hotel, does the naval architect give evidence of restrictions due to the exigencies of ship construction.

SOCIAL LIFE OFFERED

The attractive social life provided by the Victoria bids defiance to ennui. Abundance of cool shade is provided for hot weather crossing; the subdued strains of classical music form a fitting background for the easy chit-chat of afternoon tea, whilst following dinner, worthy of Lucullus, the rhythmic strains of dance music, the vivid interest of the modern cinema, or peaceful leisure in a luxurious deck chair, account all too quickly for the flying hours, the Company states.

Luxury with refinement, spaciousness with comfort, are the motives underlying the decoration and arrangement of the first-class passenger accommodation. The delicate colour schemes give evidence of that harmonious blending of such diverse materials as wood, glass, fabric and metal, which is so typical of modern decorative art. The technical expert has combined with the artist to perfect the design of the spacious saloons.

FIRST-CLASS ROOMS

The typical first-class room is most comfortably furnished with bed, wardrobe, chest of drawers, table, couch and armchair; while equally important is the provision in each case of a private bath; a notable travel amenity resplendent in shining porcelain, and complete with modern fittings. Choice of de luxe accommodation is provided by six self-contained suites. Each suite consists of bedroom, sitting-room and bath-room, and affords an exquisite ensemble of that perfect refinement and luxury so typical of the whole of the first-class accommodation.

Similar comfort, if with less luxury, will be found in the second class. The vestibule leading to the spacious public saloons, the dining-room, smoking-room and bar, the writing-room and commodious promenade decks, the double and four-berth cabins, all combine to make evident the company's solicitude for the comfort of the passenger travelling second class.

MODERATE CHARGES

Too long has travelling on a luxury liner such as the Victoria been adjudged the prerogative of the wealthy; that it is within the reach of the traveller of moderate means is evidenced by the provision of a most attractive second economic class. Here will be found a brightly-furnished dining room, a spacious bar, covered and open air promenades, with very completely furnished double, four and six berth cabins. It is to be hoped that such an attractive facility will tempt further afield many travellers of modest means whose travel activities have thus far been confined to Europe.

Considering the hot climate on the India-Far East route, ventilation in the passenger



"Unknown Woman," a Columbia picture starring Marian Marsh and Richard Cromwell, will be shown at the King's Theatre this week.

ALBANIAN ROYAL WEDDING

Great Festivities In Tirana

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Tirana, To-day.

The marriage of the Princess Senije, one of the sisters of the King of Albania, and Prince Mehmed Abid, the youngest son of Sultan Abdul Hamid, took place in the Royal Palace here on Sunday. The King, members of the royal family, members of the Cabinet, a Parliamentary delegation, the leading officials of the civil and military authorities and the members of the diplomatic corps attended the ceremony.

The President of the Chamber, assisted by the President of the Supreme Court, officiated at the civil wedding. Following a luncheon tendered in their honour the young royal couple left for Durazzo, from where they will start on their honeymoon trip abroad.

The entire capital, which showed a gay aspect, all the streets being decorated with flags and bunting, took part in the festivities staged in connection with the royal wedding—Trans-Ocean Service.

RUDYARD KIPLING'S ILLNESS

Condition Grave, But Holding His Own

London, To-day.

The famous writer Rudyard Kipling was taken seriously ill at a London Hotel on Monday night and underwent an urgent operation at the Middlesex Hospital yesterday morning.

Mr. Kipling, who is 70, left his Sussex home at the end of last week and was staying in London preparatory to going aboard for the winter months, according to his usual habit. A bulletin issued last evening states: "The condition of Mr. Kipling is considered rather grave. At the moment he is holding his own."—British Wireless Service.

FLAX LEVY SUGGESTED

Ulster Farmers' Union are suggesting to the Northern Ireland Government a levy on flax imports, to be used to guarantee home growers a fair price for their flax.

accommodations, cabins as well as social rooms, has been carefully studied and adapted in a special manner. In this regard, the Victoria has been fitted with the most modern air conditioning plants, consisting of 44 ventilating appliances, such as ventilators, extractors, refrigerators, exhausters and powerful thermostats. These provide a complex of means ensuring always a permanently cool spring-like temperature.

The ship is expected back in Hong Kong on January 26, and will sail for Manila, the Straits, Ceylon, India and Egypt the same day.

ATTEMPT AT HOLD-UP ON AMERICAN BATTLESHIP

Able Seaman Demands Pay-Roll At Revolver Point

Los Angeles.

An able-seaman, brandishing a revolver, has staged a "hold-up" on board the battleship California, 33,000-ton flagship, American Pacific Fleet.

The ship was 150 miles from land.

The seaman "covered" the paymaster and demanded the ship's pay-roll.

The paymaster refused to hand over the money. He went for the seaman with his fists.

The seaman was overpowered and put in irons.

Now he is to appear before a naval court.

NEW MUSIC ON THE AIR

Latin American Rhythms

BROADCASTS AUDIBLE IN FAR EAST

A new and unique type of Latin American music is being presented to American radio listeners by Jose Manzanera and his South American orchestra, who began a series of broadcasts on Sunday, December 1, 1935, from 2.30 to 3.00 p.m., E.S.T., over the Columbia Broadcasting System, on behalf of the new Lincoln-Zephyr car.

Manzanera and his orchestra, which is almost entirely comprised of a successful five months' engagement in the patio of the Ford Exposition at the San Diego, California, exposition. The orchestra was also featured at the Ford-Lincoln exhibits in New York City, Philadelphia and Boston. The programmes, which include rumba and tango rhythms, ancient Inca selections, and South American folk music, intermezzi and classics, have been accorded an enthusiastic reception by listeners.

Rhythms Mastered

Aided by the extensive musical knowledge possessed by every member of the South Americans, Jose Manzanera has succeeded in mastering every known rhythm of Latin America. He has studied the native music of many of the South American countries and has captured the original musical interpretations of old folk songs of these countries, many of which had never been written before. Manzanera put them to paper.

The young Maestro boasts a repertoire of at least 5,000 selections—most of which are privately-owned manuscripts given him by composers and directors.

These programmes are being broadcast on short wave by W2XK New York, 15270 kilocycles, and W3XAU Philadelphia, 9590 kilocycles. Short-wave set owners in the Far East should be able to hear these programmes.

DEER TO BE SHOT

Sixty deer on an estate taken over for housing steel workers near Corby, Northants, are to be shot because of damage done to the gardens of new houses.

To-day's Short Story

Sketch Of An Old Woman

By George Albee

ALONE, frightened by unfamiliarity, yet brave and proud because I was the man of the family, I stood on the sidewalk and watched the grunting workmen unload our new furniture from the van. My mother stayed in the strange house, telling them where to set the chairs and tables and the long tubes that would be rugs when they were unrolled.

I gazed up and down the unknown street, wondering what it held for me, and a fat old woman waddled out of the house next to ours, a frame cottage of three or four rooms, and stood on her porch staring at me. I stared back. I had never seen anyone like her. My young eyes travelled up from her huge, shapeless ankles, across what seemed acres and acres of pink gingham to her face.

She had three chins. Like her chins, her nose was purplish; a great beak, spongy with pores, which made me think at once of my mother's lavender pin-cushion. She took off her gold-rimmed spectacles to wipe them and I saw that they left deep purple grooves across her nose and in the pouches of fat under her eyes. Her eyes were small and watery. Drawn back to a tight knot stuck full of yellow celluloid hairpins, her hair looked like fine aluminium wire which was turning yellow.

While I gaped, an old man came around the corner of the house from its back yard. He carried a sickle and there were green springs of alfalfa caught between his

shoe-laces. In the clear morning sunlight his short grey beard had the sheen of silk, his blue eyes were bright and pink showed on his browned cheeks. His brass collar-button flashed in the sun spurring a small jet of brown-gold fire. He wore no collar. "He's her husband" I guessed.

How different from her he was! He was a trim, clean little steel rod, set beside a big ball of dough. For, though his braces were stained with sweat and his trousers were spotted, cleanliness was the impression that came over to me the moment I saw him. There was in him a childish simplicity which I, a child of ten, discerned instantly. "I like him," I said to myself. "I wonder what he's going to say to her." He stopped, and I heard his quiet drawing voice plainly.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "The Count And The Wedding Guest," by O. Henry.

"Now, S'reeny," he reproached her gently, with a shake of his silver-blue beard. He said nothing more.

I understood. He was ashamed. He was ashamed because the fat woman was watching as we, her new neighbours, moved into our house.

"I'll watch if I damned please," I heard her snap at him. "You go along, Old Dave!"

Nor did she budge until the men swung up the tail-gate of the building van and made it fast with rattling chains. Then, with a final blink at me, as though I were now her partner in a secret wickedness, she turned and waddled in out of sight.

That afternoon, too tired to wash another cup or hang another picture, Mother and I stood on our porch with our arms around one another's waists, looking out in fascination upon the new land to which we had come, this California. Snow had turned Chicago black and white, as our train had left it and pointed west across the prairie, but here there was nothing but bright colour, parcelled into the strangest of shapes.

"Just think, dear," we'll have flowers all the year round," my mother was saying, when the old woman next-door broke into our entrance. She came limping painfully towards us across the lawn. Blowing hard, and shoving down upon her pillow-like thighs with her hands, she climbed the tan cement steps to us.

"I'm Mrs. Hanks, your neighbour next door," she panted. "I brought over a couple glasses of my grape for you." She fanned herself with one hand, holding out two bottles of sparkling purple jelly with the other.

"Oh, how good of you!" Mother thanked her, and told me to run in and get a chair. As I lugged the chair out, dragging it across the floor littered with wrapping-paper, I was apprehensive. The larger chairs were beyond my strength, but I was afraid the light one I had chosen might break.

"This is my son, Mrs. Hanks," mother said.

"Well, now, I don't mind if I do sit for a spell. My, what a big boy, ain't he?" Serena drew me to her and explored my arm, stroking and squeezing it. I stood for it, because I was the man of the family and must bear all things for my mother's sake, but I clenched my teeth.

"My man, Old Dave, says to tell you hello when I come over," she went on. "He's pattering with them rabbits of his. The crazy old coot don't do nothing all day long but putter with them damned rabbits. My, ain't I tickled to see a young widow-woman coming to live by me! Ain't a soul in the neighbourhood fit to spit on. All old fogies like Dave—a bunch of Jesus-shouters, that throw cat-fits if a body touches a drop and has some fun."

"Yes, yes," Mother was interrupting her nervously, glancing at me.

But Serena was not to be shut up. Here was the eagerness of heaven knew how many starved years. At last, she thought, she had found a companion. "Say,"

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NEW AIRPORTS FOR K.L.M.

Proposed Stop At Rhodes

An airport on the island of Rhodes in the Mediterranean will shortly be opened for traffic. The K.L.M. are considering the possibility of changing their route to the Far East, and to fly from Athens via Rhodes and Alexandria to Cairo, instead of from Athens via Solun on the North African coast to Cairo, as at present.

This change would mean that the heavy load of petrol which is now taken on board at Athens for the non-stop flight across the Mediterranean would not be necessary.

Lydda Airport

The airport at Lydda near Jerusalem is also nearing completion, and is expected to be opening for traffic in the very near future.

At Bushire, Iran, the airport has recently been enlarged and improved. These improvements were undertaken by the Iranian Government after representations had been made by the K.L.M., and have been completed with commendable speed.

AIR LINERS DELAYED

Bad Weather Met In Mediterranean

The storms which have been raging over the Mediterranean these past few weeks, have caused some delay on the Far Eastern service. The K.L.M. airliner Sparrowhawk, flying east after leaving Amsterdam on November 20, was held up for one day. Also the planes which left Amsterdam on November 23, 27 and 30 suffered delay because of the bad weather, but arrived in Batavia only one day behind schedule, making the trip in 7½ instead of 6½ days.

UNLUCKY CHURCH

A fire which occurred at St. James's Church, Gravesend, was the third recently. There have also been several robberies there.

JAW FRACTURED AT GOLF

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—by "Movie Spotlight"—
Richard Cromwell never wants to see, smell, or taste another fish! During the filming of what scenes in "Unknown Woman" Dick was swamped in fish. He stood as high with stray cats!



Marian Marsh encountered her greatest thrill when she stood on the top of a hazardous glacier in Switzerland.
 At the Columbia Studios when they say get that bank, no insults are in order but just a call for the assistant cameraman.

The Columbia picture "Unknown Woman" featuring Marian and Richard Cromwell is coming to the King's Theatre this week.

Sketch Of An Old Woman

(Continued from Page 7.)

she ejaculated, puffing, "let's you and me go. Christmas shopping down town to-morrow. Mrs. I got fifty dollars I'm pinching off Dave, to buy me some pretty duds with. He's awful close, but I fool him. Last year I got me some pretty pink lace drawers. They were twenty dollars, but I told him they were five."

She chuckled, her mass of flesh bouncing. "I ain't going to let no old man spoil my fun." Panting, she replaced her spectacles, which had jiggled away on her nose. "Got to get me some new specs, too," she added. "I bought these down to the five-and-ten-cent store, but they ain't fit for sour apples. Come along. I got lots of money. I want you should buy yourself some pretty things, too. You'll want 'em, dearie. You'll be hunting yourself a new man soon."

"Oh, I'm afraid I'll be much too busy, Mrs. Hanks. There's so much work, you know, moving into a new house."

"Aw," Serena sighed, and then brightened as she looked at my pretty young mother's delicately powdered cheeks and tinted lips. "Say," she demanded, "what's that there fancy stuff you got on you? I seen young girls with it, but I never knowed what it was."

"Why, rice powder and lip rouge," Mother told her. "I'm afraid you think me immodest, don't you?"

"Paint, eh? My, but you smell sweet. I bet the boys are crazy about you. You'll be getting yourself a new man right soon, I bet, won't you, dearie?"

"Oh, please!" My father's death had come only a month earlier.

"A pretty little thing like you won't have no trouble at all hooking a new one."

"Mrs. Hanks, I'll never marry again," Mother said. "Please don't speak of it."

Serena shrugged her great, soft shoulders. "See's full of fish. You bet your boots when Old Dave kicks the bucket I'm going to get me a young one. Well, I wish you could come shopping with me, but I want you should come over to our house for Christmas dinner anyhow. Dave's an old fogey, and he don't understand young folks like us; but don't you mind him. When it comes to doing the things the young folks do I'm a regular high-kicker."

Mother closed her eyes. I knew that she was trying to hold back the tears. "Well, come. Thank you," she said, and, pressing her handkerchief to her lips, ran into our barren new living-room.

The old woman did not get up from her chair. She chuckled, sitting for a few years, looking over the turtleneck black dress which he had earned before he died and bequeathed to the rich old man. With another wink she rose, wheezing, and was hurrying him into selling his land down the river and across the river, moving to Los Angeles.

"I was sitting on the porch the next morning, reading, when the postman came up the walk."

"Hello, Professor," he greeted me, with erroneous irreverence, since my book was "The Rover Boys in an Airplane." "What's your name? I'd better know your name, or maybe I won't bring you the right mail." He was a friendly shy young man, with big ears and a neck far too thin for the collar of his blue-grey uniform. Mother came out and talked to him. "Ma'am," he said, "I was passing by yesterday when this old lady next door came over to see you." He hesitated, gathered his courage, and went on: "Say, what's wrong with her, anyhow? Is she crazy? Every time I leave letters for her she tries to get me to stay for dinner."

"You've been in the neighbourhood longer than I have. You know more about her than I do," Mother said.

"One time she said she'd give me five dollars to buy some whisky, if I'd go dancing with her."

"They're old country people. It's just her way of trying to be social."

The postman pulled one of his big ears. "She acts like she thinks she's a girl," he observed. "I was afraid she was crazy. Well, I'll be going."

Christmas, to Serena Hanks, was a day for great eating and drinking, we learned. Beside my mother and me she had two other guests, a niece, whose name was Kitty, and the niece's fourteen-year-old daughter, Wilhelmina. Mother and daughter alike wore garish dresses, bangles and rank perfume. The old woman apologized for them, explaining to us aside that they were "poor relations," but I noticed that she copied their flashy clothing faithfully. She wore a purple satin dress, striped with broad bands of gilt lace, and she blazed with rings and bracelets.

She refused to let the younger women help her in the kitchen. Mother and Kitty sat in Old Dave's den, under a yellowed battle-flag, with Wilhelmina giggling over the plush albums. I sat with Dave in the living-room, listening to his stories of Antietam Creek and Gettysburg. Through the open door of the kitchen I could see Serena topping about, stopping every few minutes to gulp something from a wicker-dad demitasse.

Dave told me of his own boyhood. Starting his life in the Iowa fields, in a day when hands work the earth, there from sum-up-until, sum-down for fifty cents, all his years of dogged toil had rooted him in peace and abiding love to the earth. Growing old, he had asked only to sit for a few years, looking over the turtleneck black dress which he had earned before he died and bequeathed to the rich old man. With another wink she rose, wheezing, and was hurrying him into selling his land down the river and across the river, moving to Los Angeles.

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SOLDIERS' CHANCE REUNION

Meeting Of Three In Durban Street
 COMRADES OF 1894

Durban.—In April, 1894 the non-commissioned officers of "D" Company, Natal Royal Rifles—now the Royal Durban Light Infantry—were assembled together and photographed. Of the eleven men in the group, four were sergeants—G. R. F. Law, J. Rodell, J. Geils and E. J. Ashkam.

Forty-one years passed. The little group of men was scattered all over the world. Some of them were dead.

A few weeks ago ex-Sergeant Law was walking down West-street, Durban, when he saw ex-Sergeant Rodell, whom he had not seen for over 30 years. The two stood talking, when suddenly a hand clapped Rodell on the back.

They both turned and came face to face with ex-Sergeant Geils.

They then found Ashkam, after which the four veterans hunched together to celebrate the reunion.

LIFE CONVICT AS MUSICAL GENIUS

Sydney Phenomenon

Sydney (N.S.W.).—A man who is serving a life sentence in prison at Sydney for the murder of his wife has proved to be a musical genius.

After weeks of study in his cell, Alister Jenner Clarke has passed a first grade examination of the Sydney Conservatorium with a record number of points for Australia. He gained 99 out of a possible 100.

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The examiner explained that Clarke has been teaching himself the theory of music from books supplied by his friends.

CATHEDRAL FIRST, THEN MOSQUE

Restoring Mosaics Of Hagia Sophia

Istanbul.—The work of restoring the mosaics in the former mosque of St. Sophia, now a museum, has ended for the season and Professor Whitmore, of the United States, who has been in charge of the work, has returned to Harvard University.

The most remarkable mosaic discovered so far has been one depicting the Emperors Constantine and Justinian presenting St. Sophia (which was a cathedral before it became a mosque) to Christ and the Virgin Mary.

morning at five o'clock, watered and weeded the lawn, cultivated his beautiful little garden in the back yard, and sharpened his tools. In a garage behind the bungalow, which he called the barn, he kept a hundred rabbits.

At length Serena stood in the kitchen doorway, filling it entirely, and shouted: "Everybody sit!" She slipped on the polished floor, caught herself, and belched.

From the dining-room ceiling hung red paper bells and strings of bright, hairy tinsel. The ugly golden-rod table was so crowded with plates and bowls and platters that we could see scarcely any of its cloth. I sat between Serena and Wilhelmina. There was not only a turkey, there was chicken, there was fried rabbit, there was stewed rabbit—all so sharply spiced that I choked on them.

There were heavy, gilt-striped china bowls of thick gravy, coloured with saffron, on which floated puddles of orange oil. Red and blue glass dishes held cranberry sauce and a dozen other jellies and pickles. One cut-glass pitcher was full of lemonade, another of milk, and a third of my wine which Serena made herself, and which was so cold, to spite of the sugar she dumped into it, that no one could swallow it, but she she gulped down glass after glass of it, smacking her lips.

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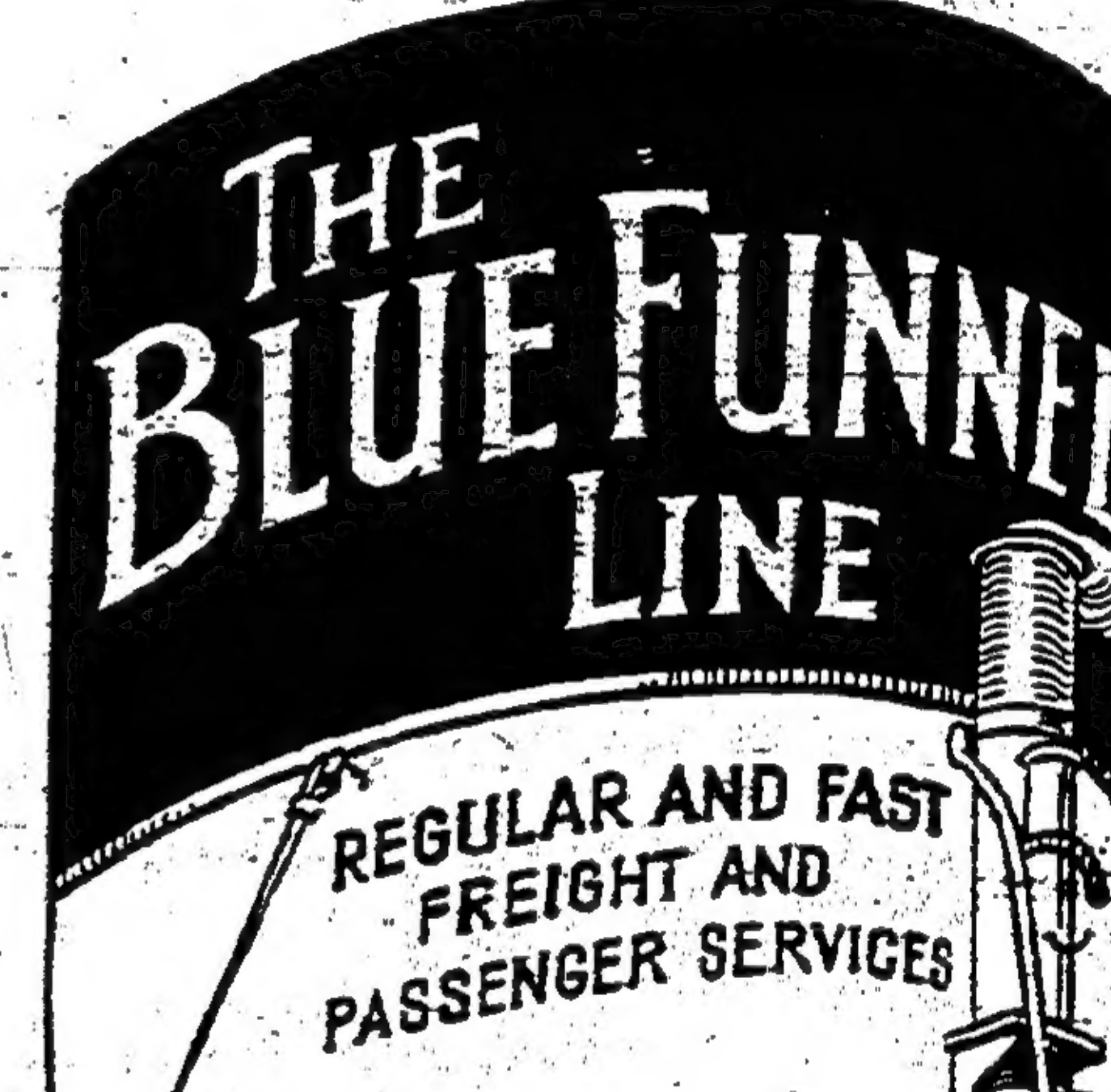
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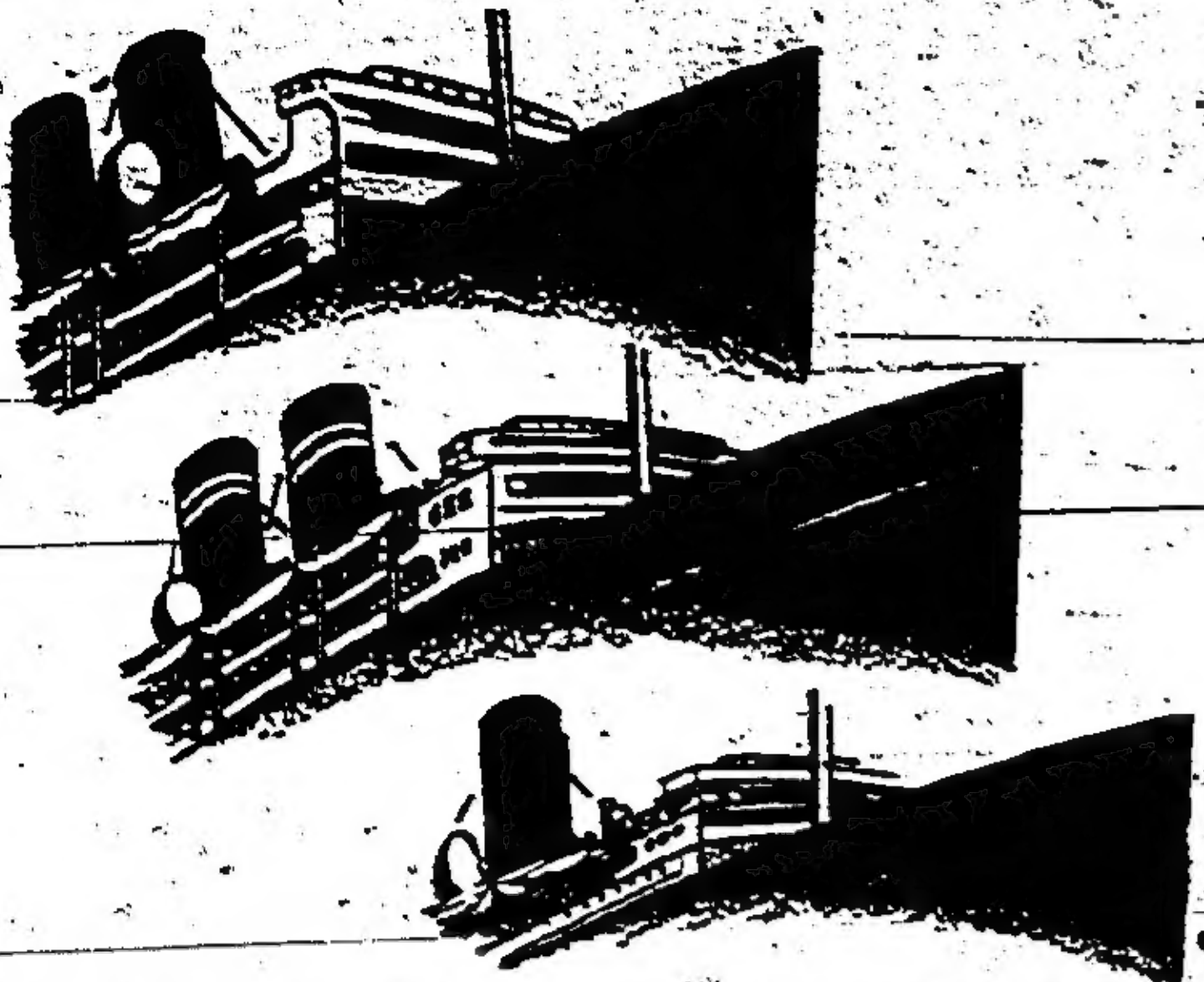
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NAVAL POWERS IN CONFERENCE

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has two oceanic fronts to protect, one in the Atlantic and the other in the Pacific, while Great Britain has the immense line of her Empire communication running from the North Sea to New Zealand, through the Mediterranean or round the Cape of Good Hope, while Japan has only the single "front" facing the Pacific.

They consider, therefore, that Japan's demand for naval parity is, in fact, a demand not for "equality of security," but for decisive supremacy in the Pacific. There is no reason to suppose that either of these Powers, who accept parity between themselves, will not continue to insist on the ratio of five to Japan's three, by agreement or without agreement.

Japan, on the other hand, is afraid that an Anglo-American combination, especially if supported by Russia, might force her to abandon or limit her expansion on the mainland, and her desire to expel non-Asiatic Powers from influence in the Far East. Japan demands naval parity as necessary both to national honour and to ensure absolute security from possible pressure or attack from the sea.

Where Parity May Decide

Probably no Japanese delegation or Government could remain in power if it accepted by treaty any lower "ratio" than that of parity.

At this moment there seems to be little hope of agreement about "quantitative" limitation between these opposing points of view. Eventually the governing factor is likely to be the purse. It may be easier for Japan to acquiesce in the ratio of Great Britain and the United States in practice each lay down 5 keels to 3. But in this revived era of power politics, financial resolution is as important as naval morale, and Japan may decide to put the issue to the test of practice before abandoning her attempt at parity.

If "quantitative" agreement is out of reach, it may well be possible to reach agreement as to "qualitative" limits on maximum tonnage and gunnage. That would reduce the cost of competition, and prevent all naval nations having continuously to renew their navies owing to new types and inventions being adopted elsewhere which make existing vessels useless.

In Europe, the position if not easy is less acute. The much-abused but fundamentally sound Anglo-German Naval Agreement has exorcised the spectre of that naval competition which was a principal provocation to the World War. The political policies of France and Great Britain rule mutual naval rivalry and hostility out of the question.

In Mediterranean

The position in the Mediterranean is more difficult to assess, because of the Abyssinian crisis, though it is certain that for financial reasons alone neither France nor Italy want to spend more on naval preparation than they need. Here, also, in default of fundamental agreement about policy, the purse will call the tune.

But when I mention the Abyssinian crisis I bring in the biggest and most uncertain factor of all. If it ends, as I hope it will end, in proof that the idea of collective security has enough vitality in practical action to prevent unprovoked aggression from achieving its ends, while yet opening the way to the satisfaction of legitimate national needs by revisions of the status quo by pacific means, a few principle affecting naval armaments will have emerged into practical diplomatic life.

Common naval action, reinforced from the air, is— or ought to be—the ultimate power behind the collective system, and if enough naval Powers came to support the League system effectively, limitation and reduction of naval armaments should certainly be easier to reach. But if the Abyssinian crisis were to end in the proof of the impotence of the League collective system, either

Sketch Of An Old Woman

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For dessert we had pies, cakes, preserved and fresh fruits, ice cream, nuts, and tea and coffee. "I like to eat," Serena said. "When I can't sleep at night I get up and eat a pie or a rabbit." When at last she got up to clear the table for dessert, my mother and Kitty rose too.

"Sit down," she ordered them tersely. "You act like I'm an old woman."

"But you'll hurt your legs, Auntie," protested Kitty feebly, talking through her nose.

"Is that so?" with an angry toss of her head, Serena plucked up her purple skirt and put out her foot. She was wearing patent leather, spike-heeled shoes, much too small for her, with huge buckles of glass diamonds. Rolls of fat bulged her flesh-coloured stockings out of shape. "Pretty nice legs yet, ain't they, Dave?" she demanded. Abruptly turning on me, "Oh, land sakes alive, the boy seen me do that!" she cried cooly, and ran lumbering into the kitchen.

Dave was shocked. "Now, Steeny," he chided her; but she set down his moustache-cup and fingered his trim silver moustache where it curled into two little rings at the ends. "By George!" he exclaimed, laughing in spite of himself, with his eyes twinkling. To him, his wife was still the lively, teasing girl he had married forty-odd years before.

After dinner we went into the living-room. On the living-room mantel between a gilt Venus with a clock for her belly and a glass dome housing a stuffed pheasant, lay a stereoscope, and Dave took it down for Wilhelmina and me. Serena checked him sharply. "Don't be an old fool," she said. "Start the phonograph. You two young ones dance."

It was a command. Old Dave stood bent-kneed and bewildered, his fingers going up unsurely to his moustache. Wilhelmina and I regarded one another with suspicion. I detested her because she was cheap and she despised me because I was young. "Gee, Aunt Steeny, we can't dance to them old pieces," the girl whined peevishly.

"Old Dave's too tight-fisted to buy me any new ones. Willie, you go ahead and dance." We danced, Serena glaring at us greedily while we moved dumsily back and forth across the carpet. She had drunk a quart or more of the rank wine, and her little eyes rolled. Under her gaze I could think of nothing but Wilhelmina's bony knees rubbing against mine, and I got out of step. I swung her around, and we danced into the den. Out of the tall of my eye I saw Serena lean towards Wilhelmina's mother and whisper to her. "Wilhelmina," screamed Kitty a moment later, her voice strident above the scratchy music of the machine, "you stay out here where we can keep an eye on you, you two!"

I could not dance; after that I loathed Serena and Kitty and to prevent war and aggression or to end it on terms which are just and fair to all, there is bound to be a *saucy qui put* into alliances, or isolation, or competitive building, according as each nation believes its own national interest is best served.

Interim Gathering

So the present Naval Conference is likely to be, fundamentally, an interim gathering. It will probably reach agreement on minor points, and especially on qualitative limits to the size of ships and guns. But the ultimate question, whether navies and their satellite services are to be used merely as instruments of national policy or as the instruments for the prevention of war and the service of peace, will be determined, not by the Conference, but by events going on elsewhere.

If the League succeeds, the United States, the balancing factor in the world to-day, now wholly devoted to a policy of highly-armed isolation, may gradually come to consider whether co-operation to prevent war may not be a surer method of keeping out of war than a neutrality which, however perfect negatively, can have no effect in preventing vital changes to the detriment of the strategic security of the United States as a result of wars in which she is not herself engaged.

Wilhelmina, together, I knew what they meant. Making no excuses, I simply sat down. Mother's face told me of her sympathy.

Serena could not stop whispering. She bent towards mother and her across the room. "As soon as Old Dave dies, you and me'll get us some pretty boys and go dancing." She gazed at him resentfully. "The old coot!" Then, hunching erect, she said loudly, "You girls smoke if you want. I bought some cigarettes. They're on the mantel. I'm a-goin' into the bathroom and red line up a bit." She thudded ponderously away.

A few seconds later there came a cry.

All five of us sprang up and ran to the bathroom. We found Serena staring frightenedly into the mirror. "It burns," she whimpered. There was a thick coating of whitish dust over her clothes and her mouth was a glistening crimson smear. Mother dashed a towel under the faucet and hurriedly scrubbed the greasy lips. A box of corn-starch stood on the rim of the wash-basin, and beside it a small tin can.

"Bicycle enamel!" screamed Kitty, reading the label on the can. "Oh, Auntie, what have you been doing?"

Her tears turning the corn-starch on her cheeks to paste, Serena dropped her head to my mother's breast. "I wanted to pink up my mouth, like I seen you do," she sobbed. She wept like a child.

Serena Hanks was not the only unpleasant thing in that neighbourhood. Mother took a house in a better section of the city the moment our lease was up, and though I did not forget her, I did not see the old woman for 10 years. Then the Italian fish-peddler who had lived across the street from us telephoned to say that Dave was dead, at 72, and that Serena wanted us to come to the funeral.

Lying on the white satin cushions of his coffin, Old Dave seemed as I remembered him, except that he seemed to have shrunk. The brown skin over his cheekbones was stretched taut. He looked, as he had looked in life, gentle and trim and clean. There were 20 in the church; neighbours, the grocer from the corner store, Wilhelmina and Kitty—Wilhelmina, with a sailor in tow, smelling of gin and looking older than her mother. We rode out to the cemetery in shining limousines hired from the undertaker. A squad of Civil War veterans from the Old Soldiers' Home waited beside the open grave.

Serena blubbered loudly leaning on me. It was all I could do to keep from being toppled off my feet. Her sharp little eyes never for a moment stopped flickering back and forth. I bent my head to catch her hoarse whisper. "See that there flag?" she asked me, behind her black glove. On a tripod at the head of the grave, where the minister stood, spread an American flag of red and white carnations and blue bachelor-buttons.

"I went down to the flower store and had 'em write down how I wanted that should be, a long time ago—way back when you and your Ma were living next door."

The service over, Wilhelmina scurried off with her sailor and left Kitty to go home with Serena. The old woman, however, refused her, asking us to come with her instead. On the way, in the automobile, she forgot her tears and turned gay. "Wait till you see the house!" she exclaimed, and we wondered what could have happened to it. A great deal was happening to it, we found, when we got there. Workmen, their faces white from plaster dust, were knocking out the partition between the den and the living-room.

Serena enjoyed our astonishment. "I figured I'd surprise you," she laughed. "I'm making the sitting-room bigger so there'll be room for dancing. I'm a-goin' to have dancing here two or three times a week. We'll dance till morning if the boys want. I want you both should come. Last week I ordered me a lot of them over-stuffed chairs and a new sofa, and I'm getting one of them new-fangled phonographs with a radio in it—costing me three hundred dollars, but the boys'll like to fiddle with it, when we ain't dancing. See that carpenter? Handsome, ain't he? He's coming to my

funeral."

I was twenty, and a philosopher given to melancholy. During the two months that followed I thought of a number of times of Serena's pilgrimage back to her childhood. What had she found? Were all of her old friends dead? Could some of them still be alive? Would the sight of them teach her that she was old and ugly? "I've been thinking of her," Mother said. "She simply can't be as handsome as she seemed the day of the funeral. She didn't understand that David was dead, that's what I think it was. Coming back from her trip, coming home and finding him not there, she's probably realizing that he's gone, and suffering, poor old thing. Yes, we must go to her."

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dances. I asked him, "I'm a-goin' to buy me an auto, too, and get me a good-looking young fellow to drive me around."

"But what on earth are you building out in the yard?" Mother asked her.

"I'm putting on another bedroom. You know how it is when a body's dancing. Sometimes a boy gets too much whisky in him. Well, if he does, I figure he can stay here. Who'd know the difference where he sleeps it off?" She winked. "My, the hell we used to raise to our dances back home! Just after harvest-time we used to have 'em."

She smiled vaguely, her thoughts far away. It was the only sweet, tender smile I ever saw on her lips. "There was a big yellow moon. You could smell the hay. Us girls used to sneak into the bedroom, and the boys would go around the back way and climb into the window. My!"

Returning to us, she blinked and hid a finger to her lips. "Come out in the kitchen. I got something else to show you."

In the kitchen she locked the doors and drew down the window-shades. Swinging open the oven door, she took out a covered pot and, reaching into it, held up six crisp thousand-dollar bills. "Good gracious!" Mother exclaimed.

"I went down and took it out of the bank the morning Old Dave died. Can't never tell what might happen with all these slick lawyers. It's best to have it on hand."

"You won't have it on hand long if you leave it lying around like this," I warned her.

She nodded sagely. "That damned Kitty's honeying around for it already, but I'm too smart for her. None of the carpenters she seemed to think could steal from her. She mistrusted all of them. 'Kitty won't get a red cent of it. She can keep them boys of her, and that chippy of a Wilhelmina can keep her boys too. I got plenty of my own.' She nudged me."

"The postman's coming for dinner to-morrow. New one since you was here—handsome as a bog. Land sakes alive," she burst out. "If I ain't forgot to show you my duds!" Leading us to a chiffonier in the bedroom, she pulled out a drawer after drawer stuffed with clothing—gaudy dresses, tinted silk underwear, lace stockings, silver slippers, a gold turban with a vermillion plume. "I went shopping while Old Dave was in bed sick," she said. "Ain't they pretty? They're for my trip."

"You're going away?" asked Mother, beyond astonishment.

"I'll be gone a couple of months. When I come back this house'll be ready for me. I'm a-goin' back to the town in Woodbury County, just a piece from Sioux City in Iowa, where I grew up. I'm a-goin' to put me an advertisement in the paper: 'All her old friends that used to know Serena Osterhaus when she was a girl, I'm going to say, 'come down and see her at the Winton House.' The Winton House, that's the best hotel. Land, the parties I'm going to have!"

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"But I was not to learn what Serena had found in Iowa. Not a week later the fish-peddler's wife telephoned to say that she was dead. 'I got hold of that Kitty and asked her to come and 'tend to things,' she recounted indignantly, in Italian-English, 'but she won't have a thing to do with it. I can't understand it. Mrs. Hanks always used to speak of you folks as friends of hers. I thought maybe you'd come over and do it.' 'I'll come,' Mother said."

It was the Italian woman who told us what had happened. Serena had come home from Iowa two weeks early. Night after night, since she had returned, every light in the house had burned and the combination photograph-wireless had roared until two and three o'clock in the morning. The shades were never drawn at the windows. Sometimes the neighbours glimpsed one or two couples luxuriating, dancing. Oftener, though, there was nobody.

Then, through Wilhelmina, Serena had learned of the public dance-halls. At one of them she met a middle-aged man with dyed hair and gold teeth, who told her that he was a moving-picture actor. From then on he was with her all of the time. Either she went with him to the dance-halls or he came to her home in the evening. He took her rings from her and three thousand dollars in cash. His name was Rudolph Orr. Kitty later married him, so there was no mystery about his part in the affair.

The last time Rudolph came to Serena's home the photograph ground out times all night. It was a machine which automatically changed its records, so at first nobody noticed anything unusual; but, about noon of the next day, it occurred to the Italian woman that the same records were being played over and over again in the same order. She ventured across the street, after a while, and rang the door-bell. No one answered it.

Then, peering in at a window, she saw that the lights were burning and, alarmed, tried the door at the rear. It was unlocked. She went in and found Serena lying dead on the floor in the living-room, an over-turned bottle of whisky beside her on the brown carpet with its purple and pink flowers. Neighbours had managed to lift the heavy body and carry it into the bedroom.

"I went in and stood beside the bed. I had never seen a dead person, and Serena was ugly and frightening; but, except for the fact that she did not blink her eyes or shut her mouth, she looked as alive as ever. There were still patent-leather shoes on her feet, and she wore her green satin dancing dress."

[THE END]

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"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.
Ernst Popper, the Berlin correspondent of the *Prager Tageblatt*, a paper printed in the German language published in the Czech capital, was expelled from Germany on January 10 because, as the official statement issued yesterday puts it, "he continually sent his paper unreliable, tendentious and spiteful reports about Germany, thereby not only gravely damaging German interests but also systematically poisoning the international atmosphere."

Popper's expulsion was necessary, goes on the news agency's statement, since the nature of his dispatches, besides being crass abuse of the hospitality extended to him by Germany, was prejudicial to the activities of many other foreign correspondents who attempt to report on the condition of Germany in a fair and objective manner.—Trans-Ocean Service.

CONFERENCE IN NANKING

Student Bodies To Meet Chiang

Nanking, To-day.
Complying with the summons of President Chiang Kai-shek, 116 student representatives and heads of various schools throughout the country have reported their arrival at the capital to attend the conference, which is scheduled to be held to-morrow.

Among them, 33 are presidents and deans, 46 student delegates of various universities and colleges, and 37 principals of middle schools.—Central News Agency.

REPAIR OF DYKE BREACHES

Petition To Central Government

Hsuehchow, To-day.
A joint telegram has been addressed by various *hsien* in the Hsuehchow area, petitioning that the dyke breaches along various rivers in the area should be immediately closed, since the water-level of the Lutung River has dropped considerably.

According to the telegram, the dyke breach at Chownatou now measures 50 metres, that at Yaoti 200 metres and those at Lienshui, Huangwan and Laotai 120 metres.—Central News Agency.

COMMUNISTS ACTIVE

Movements In North Fukien

Foochow, To-day.
To curb the disturbances created by a band of Communist bandits on the Pingnan-Chienou border, in North Fukien, who have recently established a connection with the units of the Big Sword Society, the provincial authorities have dispatched forces there for their suppression.—Central News Agency.

AFTER DEATH—WHAT?

Personal Survival Or Annihilation

London.—The question "Survival or annihilation after death?" is a false one according to Mr. Whately Carington, an authority on psychical research. The answer to such a question can only be "Neither—but both!"

"When we ask Nature," Mr. Carington said, lecturing before the Society for Psychical Research, "Is an electron a wave or a particle?" we can only reply "Neither—but both!" We are similarly posing a false antithesis over the question of personal survival.

Next Life
The next life, he said, was not just a refined version of this one, in which semi-material souls, exactly resembling the bodies they had left, wore peculiar clothing in heavenly mea-



Not only is George Nasser, son of the white manager of the Bank of Ethiopia, in Dire Dawa, remaining with his parents in the range of the Italian bombers, but he has cheetahs as his playmates.

WINTER GRIPS GERMANY

SPLENDID PROSPECTS FOR SKI SPORTS

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.
After several weeks of almost springlike weather, which threatened to frustrate all the prospects of winter sports and, as previously reported, necessitated the postponement of the German ski championships, the winter definitely arrived in Germany yesterday with a considerable drop in temperature throughout Central Europe.

Heavy falls of snow were reported from the mountainous regions and are causing much joy in the German ski resorts, where numerous foreign teams training for the Olympic winter sports games, to be held there in the beginning of February, have been greatly discouraged by the continuous rain and had actually been thinking of going to Norway for their training.

Snow, however, began to fall on Sunday night and continued to fall throughout yesterday, thus saving the day. While at Berlin the thermometer is still hovering slightly above freezing point, temperatures varying between 10 and 20 degrees Fahrenheit have been recorded in the Bavarian Alps and Harz mountains, the Black Forest and other regions. Still lower temperatures are forecast, with good prospects for ideal conditions prevailing during the forthcoming Olympic Games events.—Trans-Ocean Service.

CHINA'S INTEREST IN LEAGUE AFFAIRS

Nanking, To-day.—Mr. Hu Shih-chia, Chinese Minister to Switzerland, will shortly leave Geneva for London to exchange views with Dr. W. W. Yen, Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia, and Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to Britain, concerning League affairs. It was learned from diplomatic circles yesterday.—Central News Agency.

ROYALTY VISITS HONG KONG

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that vessel to take up his new duties in Hong Kong. Mr. Leungquin, who was formerly in Hankow, did not communicate with the local Consulate giving any reason for his non-arrival, but it is thought that he must have missed his connection in Shanghai owing to last-minute circumstances.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone remains over China, and has increased further in intensity. Pressure is now highest to the north-west of Shanghai. The depression is stationary to the north-east of Hokkaido, and is now of great intensity. North-east winds, fresh, fine to cloudy, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

U.S. SUPREME COURT

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The Supreme Court's decision leaves open the question of whether the huge sums already paid as processing taxes to the farmers are recoverable by the taxpayers, and thus the Government's principal anxiety resulting from the demolition of the A.A.A. remains unassuaged.—Reuter.

There were 37 gold service buttons awarded this year, and Mr. Leary was the only person outside the United States to obtain one.
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